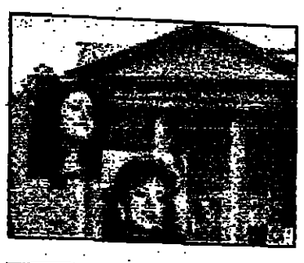
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PM gives warring ministers 24 hours to come up with jobs plan

By DAVID HARRIS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday gave warring ministers Yaakov Neeman (Finance) and Eli Yishai (Labor and Social Affairs) 24 hours to end their argument over unemployment and put forward a joint plan for the creation of 20,000 jobs.

"Given our disagreements with the Treasury, I think it is virtually impossible for us to come up with something inside 24 hours," a Yishai confidante said last night.

Yishai's spokesman Nahum Ido claimed the ministry has dozens of plans for job creation programs, but in most cases the Treasury is blocking them, even when no additional funding is required.

"Funding for training already exists in the Labor Ministry's budget," responded Treasury spokesman Eli Yosef, who said Yishai still has NIS 700 million to spend on professional training.

Asked why the money has not yet been spent, a Neeman aide said: "That's a good question, one that should be addressed to Yishai's ministry."

Netanyahu told the ministers of his plan during a hastily arranged afternoon meeting. It followed his Monday announcement of the creation of a national economic council, whose aim will be to tackle the country's macroeconomic problems, principally the two-year economic slowdown. Both Neeman and Yishai are members of the new council.

The Treasury's program largely centers around the need for privately run job centers, turning all professional training over to the private sector, and dramatically increasing the number of training courses available in factories.

The Labor Ministry's suggestions cover a wide range of activity, including extending training colleges' opening hours well beyond the current 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Last night, senior officials from both ministries met to come up with a joint plan before the meeting with Netanyahu today.

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Netanyahu also met with Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who is also on the council, to discuss the possibilities of extra spending on research and development and in the high-tech sector in general in 1999. Sharansky last week said his Yisrael Ba'aliya Party would vote against next year's state budget if there is not a dramatic change of direction in macroeconomic policy on both the fiscal and monetary fronts.

During his meeting with Netanyahu, also attended by the heads of major high-tech companies, Sharansky urged the the Chief Scientist's Office be allowed to operate without interference from the Treasury on criteria for allocations. The heads of the companies, which included Motorola Israel and ECI Telecom, said they would take their companies abroad if funding is not available for industrial research and development.

Netanyahu told those present, including State Budget Director David Milgrom, that R&D must be at the top of the government's spending priorities next year and added that Chief Scientist Orna Berry must be allowed to work independently.

At the same time, Neeman met Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, another council member, to discuss ongoing disputes between the Treasury and the labor federation. However, Treasury officials were stressing that the Histadrut must not demand excessive public sector pay increases, which would in all likelihood lead to more job cuts.

Unemployment now stands at some 210,000, 9.3 percent of the workforce.

Despite pleas from the Treasury, before the meeting senior Histadrut officials voted in favor of a general strike in September – unless the Treasury agrees to its demands on pay and pensions.

PA rejects Israeli ideas, but does not stop talks

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Palestinian Authority yesterday rejected Israel's ideas on redeployment presented in talks between chief negotiator Saeb Erekat and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's adviser Yitzhak Molcho on Monday night, but stopped short of declaring an end to negotiations.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, speaking to reporters in Ramallah, said the Israeli proposals did not reflect the US bridging plan for an IDF handover of 13.1 percent of the West Bank to full Palestinian control.

"In actual fact, these ideas are very far from either the US initiative or the agreements between us and them," Arafat said.

Asked about whether the talks would continue, Arafat replied: "We are studying the matter."

Speaking after he met with visiting Romanian Prime Minister Radu Vasile, Arafat expressed support for the Egyptian-French initiative to convene an international conference to break the current deadlock.

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Workers from the Iraq Federation of Laborers protest against UNSCOM and the US in front of UN offices in Baghdad yesterday. (Reuters)

US worried by Iraq-UN standoff

PM: 'We are watching this closely'

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

The breakdown of talks between Iraq and the UN is disturbing but not surprising, the White House said yesterday. At the same time, it ridiculed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for trying to force an end to sanctions.

"I think that Saddam Hussein has probably watched too many episodes of *Star Trek*," White House spokesman P.J. Crowley said. "He believes he can turn to the Security Council and just be beamed from noncompliance to compliance."

Crowley said all options, including a military one, remain "absolutely" open, but cautioned against jumping to conclusions.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday that "we, like everyone else, are watching this thing closely and we know what to do.

"Every time the UN seeks to enforce the monitoring regime on Saddam Hussein, there is a buildup to a crisis. Up to now, at least, there has been a diffusion of the crisis. And it seems we are destined to continue with this [cycle] for some time."

Asked if it affects Israel, he said, "I think the whole world is affected and I think it is too early to say what will happen here."

"We are following the events all the time and exchanging information with the US," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz urged Israelis to stay calm, adding: "I suggest that we don't act hastily or jump to conclusions. We should follow our normal routine."

Crowley said US officials are waiting to hear a report to the Security Council tomorrow by chief UN weapons inspector Richard Butler. Butler cut short his visit to Baghdad yesterday after Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz rejected a proposal to accelerate weapons inspections and instead demanded the files be closed.

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Hundreds of newcomers arrive on 'Aliya Day'

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Not even the heat could dampen the spirits of some 900 new immigrants who arrived here yesterday on "Aliya Day," marking 50 years of immigration to the state of Israel.

"I've come to fulfill the dream of the Jewish people, to raise my children in the land of Israel," said David Wapner, of Hillcrest, New York, as he, his wife Zahava, and their five children waited to be processed in the Absorption Ministry reception hall at Ben-Gurion Airport.

"Life in America was nice and we had many friends there," Wapner said, as his family recovered from its first encounter with Israeli bureaucracy before heading for rented accommodation in Beit Shemesh, "but it's not the complete Jewish life that we're looking for, surrounded by a Jewish environment in a Jewish country."

The Wapner family was just one of many arriving from 14 countries, from Switzerland to Brazil and Uzbekistan. The new immigrants joined some 2,700,000 who have come since the state was established.

The warmth of those greeting them seemed to overwhelm the newcomers, as groups of volunteers welcomed them with Israeli flags, and more importantly, hats and water bottles, and a band on a makeshift stage played horas, its leader urging the immigrants to celebrate their arrival in dance.

Leading the welcome was Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, who referred to the heat as he addressed two planeloads of immigrants who arrived at midday – one bringing British and American immigrants, the other newcomers from Uzbekistan. He laughingly told the English-speaking immigrants that "this is the melting pot – we want to melt you a little bit before we absorb you."

"We can't tell you how excited we are," said Burg. "I would like to thank you... for the message you are giving Israeli society, one so intensively dealing with itself that every once in a while it needs people like yourselves to tell us how important we are to the individuals and the collective Jewish people."

The immigrants were as different as pro tennis player Jacqueline Rosen, 17, of Tampa, Florida, who plans to play for the national team, and the Umarov family, one of the last five families from the ancient Uzbek city of Shahrizbadzez, near Samarkand.

Noting the convergence of immigrants from east and west, Haim Chesler, chairman of the agency's aliya committee, said: "It's very symbolic that today, the two airplanes came simultaneously, because for us Israelis, aliya from the West is as important as from the former Soviet Union."

Others greeting the newcomers were Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, MKs Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) and Sofa Landver (Labor), and dozens of volunteers and young people from immigrant support groups throughout the country. Their presence and enthusiasm only gave encouragement to newcomers like Sam and Shuli Kamin from Cincinnati, Ohio, and their four children.

Shuli, a returning Israeli whose family immigrated from Iran when she was two, paused for a moment to attend to her one-year-old child as her husband dealt with their documents. She said she had no qualms about giving up a comfortable lifestyle for the uncertainty of Israel, where they still don't have jobs or a permanent home.

"We sold everything and just came as Avraham Avinu did – *Lech lecha*," she said. "We didn't come because we want the country to provide for us; we did it because we want to do it, we think it's the right thing to do, and with God's help, it'll work out."



The Orkova family arrives at Ben-Gurion International Airport from Uzbekistan, joining nearly a thousand other Jews from around the world who made aliya yesterday. (Yitzhak Elbaran/Scoop 80)

Saddam's endgame approaches

ANALYSIS
BY GERALD M. STEINBERG

From the beginning, it was clear that the February arrangement between UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein would be no more than a temporary truce.

With the Iraqi dictator determined to hold on to his ability to manufacture weapons of mass destruction, and the US and Britain determined to keep him in his box with sanctions and inspections, the next confrontation was inevitable.

The only question was its timing.

The "conventional wisdom" suggested October, after the next scheduled UN Security Council review. However, it is now clear that this will not produce any change in the sanctions regime.

Last week, the International Atomic Energy Agency surprised even Saddam by refusing to "close the file" on Iraq's nuclear program. The IAEA's report highlighted Baghdad's continued obstruction.

After seven years of cat-and-mouse games, the inspectors are continuing to uncover evidence of weapons of mass destruction. Even France and Russia, which are eager to reopen trade and willing to overlook Saddam's "character defects," are aware that closing shop would be a farce.

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US stocks plunge

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks plunged yesterday, with selling picking up in the final minutes of trading as the Dow industrials tumbled 299.43 points in the third-biggest point loss ever.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 8,487.31, in a selloff that brought its losses to 9.1 percent, or 850.66 points, from the record 9,337.97 of July 17.

The 299-point drop in heavy trading was a fall of 3.4%. Only the 554.26-point loss of October 27, 1997 and the 508.00-point fall of October 19, 1987 were bigger. But in percentage terms, the drop was not close to a record.

The accelerating slide yesterday, extending big losses of the past two-and-a-half weeks, raised questions about the staying power of a bull market that had seen the Dow nearly quadruple since October 1990.

The selloff reflects worries that corporate profit growth will be lackluster in the second half of this year.

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Arafat turns 69

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat turned 69 yesterday. He was scheduled to celebrate his birthday with his family and close friends last night after meeting with Romanian Prime Minister Radu Vasile in Ramallah. *Itim*

LA synagogue defaced

A suburban Los Angeles synagogue has been defaced with graffiti, signed with the Internet address of a white supremacy group that appeared in recent hate leaflets distributed throughout the Los Angeles area. Temple Solael in West Hills was spray-painted with the words "Stop murdering the white race" and the Web address of the National Alliance, based in West Virginia.

David Lehrer, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, told The Los Angeles Times that the National Alliance "is the most venomous antisemitic and racist group in America, hands down."

Police are investigating the vandalism as a hate crime, but are not certain whether the vandals, and the leaflet distributors, are actually connected with the National Alliance. *Tom Tugend*

Netanyahu and Ugandan FM hold talks

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Uganda's foreign minister yesterday discussed improving relations between their two countries since the overthrow of Ugandan dictator Idi Amin almost 20 years ago. Ugandan Foreign Minister Eriya Kategaya met with Netanyahu on his second day of a three-day trip to Israel.

The two men also discussed possible joint economic projects to help bolster growing bilateral trade.

Kategaya said his government was still committed to erecting a memorial to Netanyahu's brother, Jonathan, who was killed in Entebbe, Uganda, while leading a commando raid on an Air France plane hijacked by Palestinians in 1976 and forced to land in Uganda. *AP*

Zucker conflict-of-interest allegations dropped

MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) said last night the decision by the attorney-general and state attorney not to press conflict-of interest charges against him "puts an end to the libeling of me by rightist elements."

The attorney-general's office found insufficient evidence of allegations that while head of a fund-raising association for the Camera Obscura photography school, Zucker used his standing as an MK to obtain Education Ministry funding for the group.

The state attorney's ruling said the chain of events left a bad feeling that Zucker acted to further the interests of the group with the ministry, but that their was insufficient evidence to warrant an indictment. *Liat Collins*

Wilk: Too soon for conclusions in Strashnov case

It is too early to decide whether the preliminary probe into the Strashnov affair will yield enough evidence to justify a wider investigation into allegations of obstruction of justice and undue influence on the judicial process in the treason trial of Nahum Manbar, Police Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk said yesterday.

Attorney Pninat Yanai, who helped represent Manbar and is alleged to have discussed the case with Judge Amnon Strashnov while he was hearing it, told Israel Radio after a second day of questioning yesterday that she was pleased to answer questions and clear up misinformation and rumors. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Man charged with murdering niece

A 21-year-old man from Migdal Ha'emek was charged with murdering his 12-year-old niece, in Nazareth District Court yesterday. On July 9, the man showed up at his sister's home in Migdal Ha'emek, armed with a kitchen knife, and attacked her and her daughters, killing one of them.

The prosecution asked that the man be remanded until the end of the proceedings. An order also was issued to place him in a mental hospital. *Itim*

Russian firm to sell Iraq missile parts

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON – A Russian company has contracted to sell key guidance equipment for long-range missiles to Iraq, in defiance of Western demands on Russia to comply with the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).

A British government official confirmed that the Russian company had agreed to sell Baghdad 120 accelerometers, the main element in advanced guidance and control systems. These are banned under the MTCR, a UN treaty outlawing transfer of equipment and technologies for medium and long term missiles.

It is understood that the $1.2 million deal was concluded in June, with Iraq dealing through al-Khayrat, one of a network of Amman-based front companies it has set up for arms purchases.

The accelerometers – sufficiently small and portable to be carried in a briefcase or even a pocket, are expected to be delivered to a new military industrial plant outside Baghdad in mid-1999.

Despite the UN embargo and the ban on developing medium or long-range missiles, Iraq is known to be pursuing a secret ballistic missile program.

The *Times* reported that the missile guidance parts which have been bought from the Russian company can have a civilian use when employed to dig for oil, although the paper noted that all signatories to the MTCR are obliged to examine such orders "with care".

Revelations of the Iraqi-Russian deal coincided with a major confrontation in Baghdad this week between Iraqi officials and Richard Butler, head of the UN Special Commission monitoring Iraq's compliance with UN resolutions on disarmament.

After meeting with Butler, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tarik Aziz said he "had the impression that UNSCOM is back to its old games, to its old tricks, games of confusing the major issues and the minor issues".

In a statement yesterday, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said he was disappointed that the Iraqi government's "antics" appear again to be thwarting UNSCOM's work, in direct contravention of the memorandum of understanding reached by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and Aziz in February.

Iraqi claims that UNSCOM is haggling over minor details are "patently absurd", said Cook, noting that "in the last two months alone, UNSCOM has confirmed, despite Iraqi denials, Iraqi weaponization of VX nerve gas and has uncovered new evidence showing that there are over 4,000 chemical weapons unaccounted for."



The new vintage

Morris Mordechai of Neta Orchards in the Negev harvests the first of this season's wine grapes. (Ilan Ossendryver: Israel Sun)

PM: Israel can defend itself against Iran

By LIAT COLLINS

Israel is using diplomacy to prevent the development of Iranian missiles but, if the need arises, it knows how to defend itself, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reportedly told the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday.

"I think it should be remembered that Israel is the strongest state in the region," he said. "It has answers and I think all countries in the region know Israel's strength."

He said the Shihab-3 missile which the Iranians tested recently is part of a complete missile program and not just an individual model. In the test it flew for 100 seconds until the end of the stage in which the motor burns. The test was considered successful and more tests are expected in the future.

He said the Russians helped the Iranians with technology and manpower, despite Iranian claims that they developed it entirely on their own. He said without Russian aid it would not have reached the test stage.

He said Iran is investing a significant part of its gross national product into becoming a regional power.

"The world is focusing on Iraq. We are focusing on Iran," he reportedly said.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid accused Netanyahu of using the Iranian missiles to divert attention from other issues. Syria also has missiles which can reach Israel and can be fitted with non-conventional warheads, Sarid said. He said Israel could reach an agreement with Syria, unlike with Iran.

Netanyahu rejected Sarid's charge and said the issue should not be a political or party one.

"And it would be better if the opposition united behind the government and its head in their efforts to provide an answer to this threat," he added.

Netanyahu slams Labor MKs' actions abroad

By LIAT COLLINS and MICHAL YUDELMAN

"As opposition leader, I never put pressure on the Israeli government. On the contrary, I demanded pressure on the Arab side to fulfill their commitments in the various agreements. I think that that is what is important and required of the opposition when its members are in Washington," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday, publicly criticizing the trip to Washington by Labor Party leaders for the first time.

Talking to reporters after a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Netanyahu said, "Are they demanding pressure on [Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser] Arafat to abide by commitments? Are they demanding terrorists be handed over? Are they demanding arms be collected? Are they demanding the redeployments be limited so as not to endanger Israel? If they were doing this, they would have my blessing.

"But my fear is based on their previous trips: to [Egyptian President Hosni] Mubarak, King Hussein [of Jordan], and others, and is that they are encouraging and adding to the Arab pressure on Israel instead of adding to the US and Israeli pressure to get the Arabs to keep their part [of the agreements]."

Labor rejected the criticism, with the party's spokesman accusing Netanyahu of "inciting and spreading his lies against the opposition."

MK Shimon Peres advised Netanyahu to "look well into his own actions. When he was in opposition, he went to the US without asking anyone and did all those terrible things he's accusing others of. Does he really think the Americans don't know the majority of Israelis support the Oslo Accords and the pullback from the territories?"

MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, a member of the delegation, criticized AIPAC's petitioning 81 senators against the pullback, claiming it was a terrible danger to Israel's security. "When it later transpired the Israeli government had initiated and accepted 13 percent, suddenly it wasn't a danger. What credibility can AIPAC have after crying wolf?

Barak: Talks collapse a 'disaster'

WASHINGTON –Labor Party leader Ehud Barak yesterday predicted disaster if peace talks with the Palestinians break down.

"We can see through the fog that we are heading toward a collision," Barak said, as he mounted a campaign to get his party's views across to the Clinton administration and the American public. "We are trying to warn against it."

Barak told reporters in Washington that the government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu government was shortsighted in focusing its security concerns on a slice of the West Bank.

"I do not see what can be gained by cornering [Yasser] Arafat beyond a certain point," Barak said.

Barak, describing the Palestinians as the weakest militarily of Israel's Arab neighbors, said Iran and Islamic fundamentalists posed the gravest threat to Israel.

Reaching a compromise agreement with the Palestinian Authority would make it harder for Iran and Iraq to use the dispute as leverage against Israel, he added.

Barak added that to win long-term security, Israel needs to "separate ourselves physically from the Palestinians," and to reach agreements with them while preserving security "red lines."

"We have to separate," Barak said. "We have to realize that we cannot dictate to another movement."

Barak said if there is no separation of the two peoples, a "rapid countdown" toward new violence could start after next May, when the Oslo process is due to end.

"My judgment is that this kind of agreement with the Palestinians is achievable and that the alternative is at best a kind of South African apartheid and at worst a Bosnia or Belfast-type situation in Israel," he said. (News agencies)

Two more Kiryat Arba suspects released

By AMY KLEIN

Two Kiryat Arba youths detained on suspicion they set fire to Arab property in Hebron during May and June were released yesterday by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, after a third was freed to house arrest Monday, and a fourth remains in custody, the mother of the jailed youth said yesterday.

Rahav, whose last name cannot be published, said that her son had confessed to some of the arsons, but only because he hoped that by doing so he would be freed.

"I think my son is suffering from psychological and physical trauma. He complains of being cold," despite the heat outside, she said.

The youths' lawyer, Naftali Wertzberger, said a remand hearing has been set for this afternoon, and that he expected more arrests.

MKs from across the political spectrum yesterday criticized the handling of the youths' detention.

Two of the youths, who were arrested last Tuesday, were forbidden to see Wertzberger for a week. Police suspect the teenagers of setting alight eight cars, two fields, and two watermelon stands belong to Hebron Arabs.

Liat Collins contributed to this report.

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"It's inexplicable, it's disturbing but it's not surprising to us" and it "only puts further back the day that Iraq will get what it says its wants, which is relief from sanctions," Crowley said. "We've had this lack of cooperation for basically seven years. This is something we've encountered before. Let's not raise the temperature until we get a full report from chairman Butler."

Crowley said Saddam apparently is under the mistaken impression that he can force a premature end to sanctions aimed at preventing him from developing weapons of mass destruction.

He said the UN weapons inspection team is pursuing a plan to "close the gaps that exist in what we know about their programs of weapons of mass destruction. There are no indications at this point that Iraq is willing to bridge these gaps and, as a result, sanctions will remain in place until they do comply," he said.

"My duty is to report what has happened to the Security Council and I will leave for New York today," Butler told reporters, shortly after checking out of his Baghdad hotel.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he hopes the breakdown of talks will prove to be "only a hiccup."

Annan, who said he had spoken briefly with Butler by phone, added that he is waiting until the Australian diplomat makes a full report to him and the Security Council before making any further judgments.

He said he could not go into the reasons why Butler decided to cut short his trip "but it was, from his point of view, that the talks have broken down and staying on any further wouldn't have achieved anything."

Asked whether he saw a new crisis with Iraq developing, Annan replied: "Not necessarily, and I can't really say until I've got a full report."

Annan, who defused a crisis last February by negotiating an agreement in Baghdad assuring unimpeded access by UN weapons inspectors, said that accord "has worked reasonably well."

In Bahrain, Butler said Iraq had wanted him to report to the council that all its weapons of mass destruction have been accounted for, which he cannot do.

UNSCOM says there are still big gaps in its knowledge of Iraq's weapons programs, especially in the biological and chemical fields.

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Arafat spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said the Erekat-Molcho talks were "a waste of time."

Erekat and Molcho met for several hours in Jerusalem, but did not speak to reporters afterward. Erekat briefed Arafat on the talks late Monday night.

Hassan Asfour, who heads the PA negotiating department, said the Israeli ideas were rejected.

He said Israel had suggested that 3% of the withdrawal be land in the Judean Desert to be classified as a nature reserve, over which Israel would retain overall security control.

"We made it clear that this position cannot serve as the basis between us and the Israelis," Asfour said. "It will be difficult to have further meetings on the issues that were raised yesterday."

A Palestinian official added that the Israeli offer to give the Palestinians civil authority in the 3% is meaningless because no one lives in the desert areas.

PA officials said the decision on whether to continue the talks will be made after consultation with the Clinton administration, which has pressed for the current negotiations.

A US official in Washington, however, implicitly attacked the Israeli proposals as nothing new.

"It's up to the Israelis to explain, to make to the Palestinians a proposal that's 10-plus-three, not 10-plus-zero, if they wish it to be seriously considered," he said. "If there's a reason why this should be attractive to the Palestinians, the Israelis need to present it to the Palestinians – in writing."

Meanwhile, PA officials expressed doubt whether Israel will implement its decision to release 100 imprisoned Palestinians.

Palestinian Legislative Council member Fares Kaddoura, a member of the PA's prisoner committee, cited the demand by several Israeli officials, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, that the PA transfer Palestinians suspected of killing Israelis.

"This is impossible," Kaddoura said. "Nobody can implement such an act of treason."

Liat Collins adds:

"If there is goodwill on the Palestinians' part, it is possible to finish the negotiations quickly," Netanyahu told reporters, after meeting with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

He said that Israel has not shown the Palestinians maps and the inner cabinet is discussing different possibilities.

In his review to the committee, Netanyahu reportedly discussed the nature reserve idea. He said in talks with the US, it had been made clear that Israel believes its security interests would be harmed if more than an additional 10% of the West Bank is transferred to the PA.

The Americans had suggested finding a 3% area which would not affect Israel's security interests, he said.

Asked about a prisoner release, Netanyahu said: "From our point of view, the red lines are murderers and, of course, Hamas members. But we will consider other cases – for humanitarian reasons, those who are sick or are about to be released anyway – within the framework of the progress of the agreement," he said.

Hillel Kuttler contributed to this report.

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Saddam decided not to wait until October, and broke off talks with UNSCOM head Richard Butler. Perhaps pressed by the recent Iranian missile test and Teheran's rapprochement with Washington, or under the assumption that the US will again be paralyzed by the Monica Lewinsky affair, he decided to make his move.

The Clinton administration's concessions in the last crisis may have given Saddam the impression that the US is too weak and distracted to launch a serious attack. Iraq may also seek to take advantage of the illness of Jordan's King Hussein.

If this is his conclusion, he is likely to be proven wrong, again. Despite Clinton's personal problems, American officials have used the time to build up political support for a major attack in the UN.

Clinton may be distracted, but his military has developed and tested its operational plans, aimed, in part, at Saddam himself. The US cannot afford to allow the Iraqi regime to escape the limitations imposed after the 1991 war.

For Israel, little has changed since February, but this time, it should be easier to maintain a sense of proportion. The assessments from the last crisis are still valid now: Saddam has no interest in involving Israel; he does not have sufficient capability left to do much damage; and even if he did, he would not risk the consequences of a massive Israeli response.

Still, as the tension increases, the gas masks and tape will come out of the closets, and the IDF will raise its alert level, just in case.

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Bazak approved as consul in Miami

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Aviv Bushinsky, Army Radio's diplomatic reporter, yesterday took over as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman. He replaced Shai Bazak, who was appointed consul-general in Miami.

The Foreign Ministry's appointments' committee, headed by Netanyahu, approved Bazak's appointment more quickly than usual.

The move has been expected since Bazak involved Netanyahu in the Manbar-Strashnov affair last month. Bazak reportedly told Pninat Yanai, a member of Manbar's defense team, that After Manbar was convicted Netanyahu intended to blame former prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres for mishandling Manbar's case.

Bazak, who until a few days ago said he had no intention of leaving his position, yesterday denied any connection between the Manbar-Strashnov affair and his leaving the job.

"I asked the prime minister already a year ago to [let me] move on and every time he asked me to stay. Recently he complied with my request. I think my connection with the affair has already been proved marginal and irrelevant," Bazak said.

He also denied reports of bad relations with Sara Netanyahu, for whom he had refused to act as spokesman, stating, "in contrast to the reports, I enjoyed working with Sara. I think she's a very pleasant woman."

Asked on *Erev Hadash* whether he had ever lied for the prime minister, Bazak said "the prime minister never asked me to lie. I always stayed very close to the truth. You don't have to lie to say the things you have to say."

Bazak said he got the nickname "denier" because "as spokesman it was my duty to deny things that were wrong or inaccurate in the media." Asked about the occasional incompatibility between what he said and what actually happened, Bazak said, "I must have made mistakes here and there, I admitted them and tried to correct them."

Commenting about the frequent mention of his name in gossip columns, one of the things which reportedly displeased Netanyahu, Bazak said he did not ask for coverage of his private life.

"I didn't come to do public relations for myself. I came to serve the prime minister and the state, and the image which stuck to me is not important," he said.

NEWSLINE

with Avraham Diskin

Diskin is a professor of political science at Hebrew University.

What qualifications are needed to be a consul-general to the United States?

There are a number of professional qualifications necessary. Two approval committees decide whether [the candidates] have the necessary qualifications. Basically people must have three kinds of qualifications to be good diplomats:

1. Knowledge – they must know a lot about Israel, Israeli politics and international relations. In addition it is helpful to know languages.
2. Personality – a diplomat must be open to make warm contacts with other people, must be reliable and honest.
3. Political – diplomats must have the ability to distinguish between their own personal positions and the positions of the government. Sometimes there will be a conflict. Many diplomats appointed by Labor have gone on to represent Likud governments very well.

Does Shai Bazak meet those qualifications?

Shai Bazak meets all three categories – he is very knowledgeable, he seems quite stable personality-wise, and he is one of the best people to represent the positions of, at least, this government, if not a different government. So there is really no extraordinary deviation with his appointment.

How does the Foreign Ministry relate to political appointees?

Regular employees of the Foreign Ministry generally do not like political appointments, but because of an agreement made about 30 years ago with the Foreign Ministry workers committee, which permits up to 11 political appointments, everybody deals with it.

Are political appointments usually successful?

A number have been quite successful, including the prime minister himself as ambassador to the UN, and Shlomo Ben-Ami, who was ambassador to Spain. There have also been a number of failures, but I don't want to name any names.

Gil Hoffman

Eitan: Ramat Hovav needs $30m.

Minister says NIS 10m. vital for immediate waste treatment

By LIAT COLLINS

Environment Minister Rafael Eitan yesterday reiterated the need for a $30 million multi-year budget to treat the Ramat Hovav toxic waste site. The site needs NIS 10 million immediately, he said.

Eitan met with the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee for a special session during the recess to discuss the fire at the toxic waste site on Sunday.

"The ministry is not trying to evade responsibility, but must solve the problems that have accumulated at the site over 29 years," he said, noting that there is not an inventory of what materials were buried there in the early years of operation.

Eitan said the ministry is examining the option of burying the old material in concrete bunkers.

There is some 70,000 tons of accumulated toxic waste at the site. It receives and additional 43,000 tons a year. The incinerator which started operating last November has a capacity of 10,000 tons a year.

Eitan said the ministry is examining alternative sites, but this would take time and money. There had been a plan to move the toxic waste site to Givat Tekoa, south of Ramat Hovav, but the head of the Ramat Hanegev Local Council had vetoed it.

"Right now we're working to reduce the risks at Ramat Hovav," Eitan said.

He said it is still better to use Ramat Hovav than for factories to leave their toxic waste on their premises.

MK Michael Nudelman (Yisrael Ba'aliya), a professor of environmental economics and the head of a Knesset subcommittee on Ramat Hovav, said instead of paying $1 billion on preparing a new site, the money should be invested in bringing Ramat Hovav up to standard. He said most countries Israel's size manage with just one national toxic waste site "and it would be even more dangerous to disperse the toxic waste sites." He noted, however, there is also a problem of risks from the transport of hazardous materials.

Nudelman said that just as Eitan threatens to resign from the government over the second further redeployment, he should threaten to resign over environmental issues "because the results of an environmental accidents could be terrible."

The new Knesset Interior Committee chairman, Micha Goldman (Labor), also said Eitan should make Ramat Hovav a top priority and obtain the initial required budget.

He also demanded that the Industry and Trade Ministry, which was not represented at the committee meeting, take action to ensure the factories handling and producing hazardous materials are operating safely.

Goldman called on the government to appoint a minister who would be responsible for hazardous materials. Currently, the environment minister is responsible for the overall handling and identification, but the internal security minister is responsible for evacuation plans during peacetime due to accidents.

Ch.-Supt. Ya'acov Cohen, police operations officer in the Negev, said the IDF had moved an army base that was close to the site because it considers Ramat Hovav to be dangerous.

Residents of the Ramat Hovav area, including Beduin, told the committee that they want to move because of the threat and claimed they suffer from a higher rate of serious health problems than the rest of the population.



Members of Greenpeace protest in front of the Finance Ministry yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

Hiriya dump closes after 50 years

By LIAT COLLINS

For the first time in 50 years, no garbage was dumped at the Hiriya landfill near Tel Aviv yesterday, as the 3,100 tons of garbage collected in the Dan region was sent to alternative sites around the country.

For years, the government has been trying to get Hiriya closed, as it poses a serious environmental hazard. Moreover, scavenger birds that swarm above the mountainous dump threaten air traffic at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen said Hiriya's closure "marks the beginning of the end of historical environmental hazards.

"Hiriya symbolizes the environmental problems which have developed over the years with which the ministry has to contend: waste, sewage, the rivers, hazardous materials and infrastructure and so on."

"This is an important day for the environment. We finished preparing transferring the waste from Hiriya earlier than scheduled," said Yosef Givol, head of the Dan Region Sanitation Association, which operates the site.

Givol said in the coming days the association would choose the winner of the tender to establish a transit station for the waste.

The question of what to do with Hiriya now has not yet been resolved. Ten well-known local and foreign artists have proposed different conceptual art projects for the site, after the dump is sealed. Their work is expected to go on display soon at the Tel Aviv Museum.

The country produces some 4.5 million tons of garbage a year, about a quarter of it in the Dan region, which has made Hiriya one of the largest landfills in the world.

Arafat to present new cabinet today

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian officials yesterday tried to play down speculation over the naming of at least seven new ministers before Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat presents his new cabinet to to the Palestinian Legislative Council today.

Speaker Ahmed Qurei said Arafat will send the PLC an announcement of the new cabinet and its composition. He said he could not confirm any of the reports of new members.

"I don't know of any new names," Qurei told PA radio. "All the reports about this are speculation."

He also dismissed reports that Arafat consulted with the PLO executive committee. He said the naming of the cabinet is the exclusive authority of Arafat.

Qurei also said he does not know of any consultations with Arafat's Fatah movement. He said the most important requirement for a new cabinet is that it institute government reform and improve relations with the PLC.

PA sources said Arafat is expected to name eight to 10 new ministers to the cabinet. Seven of the current 24 ministers have either died or are too ill to continue.

PLC sources said Arafat will also discuss the current negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians in the private session.

Ministry of Construction and Housing
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Ministry of Construction and Housing Eligibles

The Ministry of Construction and Housing announces new housing assistance regulations

On Monday, August 3, 1998, the amendment to the Housing Loans Law will take effect. Starting Sunday, August 16, 1998, the Ministry's new assistance regulations will be implemented through the mortgage banks.

The regulations include a new method of calculating individual eligibility, supplementary grants to purchasers of apartments in areas of national priority and to other special groups, particularly lower income groups.

The new assistance regulations are as follows:

Points	Basic Aid	Of which the grant is	After full army service	Of which the grant is	Interest
up to 599	48,000		76,800		commercial interest
600-999	56,500		90,400		5.5%
1000-1399	65,000		104,000		4%
1400-1499	68,000	19,140	108,800	30,230	4%
1500-1599	78,000	21,950	124,800	34,580	4%
1600-1699	88,000	24,770	140,800	39,000	4%
1700-1799	98,000	27,580	156,800	43,350	4%
1800-1899	108,000	30,400	172,800	47,710	4%
1900-1999	118,000	33,210	188,800	52,120	4%
2000-2099	128,000	36,030	204,800	56,470	4%
2100-2199	138,000	38,840	220,800	60,830	4%
Over 2200	148,000	41,660	236,800	65,240	4%

Table of Points

Points	Eligibility Period (Years of Marriage)	No. of Siblings (Long-time residents only)	No. of Children (Families only)
Up to 1 year		30	0
1	250	350	50
2	300	500	100
3	350	650	150
4	400	800	400
5	450	900	600
6	500	1000	650
7	550	1100	700
Each addition year	50	100	50

Supplementary aid for purchasers of apartments in national priority areas in addition to individual eligibility rights

In National Priority Area A towns: When purchasing a new apartment, second-hand apartment or privately built home, an additional NIS 80,000 will be given, of which NIS 42,500 will be a grant and the remainder a loan. The minimum aid in these towns will range from NIS 78,000 to NIS 124,800. Towns in this group include, for example, Ofakim, Ariel, Beit She'an, Betar Ilit, Dimona, Tiberias, Yeruham, Karmiel, Metulla, Ma'alot, Nahariya, Netivot, Kiryat Arba, Acre, Emanuel, Arad, Safed, Sderot, Shlomi.

In National Priority Area B towns: When purchasing only new apartments in high rise buildings and second-hand apartments, an addition of NIS 60,000 will be given, of which NIS 20,000 will be a grant and the remainder a loan.
Towns in this group include, for example: Efrata, Beersheba, Beit Shemesh, Migdal Ha'emek, Lower Nazareth, Ofanim, Modi'in Ilit, Kamei Shomron.

In Area C towns: Only when purchasing new apartments in high rise buildings, an additional NIS 30,000 will be given as a loan.
Towns in this group include, for example: Or Yehuda, Or Akiva, Azor, Elyachin, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Beer Yaacov, Beit Dagan, Bnei Ayash, Binyamina, Givat Ze'ev, Givat Ada, Gedera, Gan Yavne, Zichron Ya'acov, Hadera, Tayiba, Tirat Hacarmel, Yavne, Jerusalem, Kfar Yona, Kfar Tabor, Lod, Modi'in, Mazceret Batya, Maale Adumim, Ness Ziona, Nesher, Netanya, Atlit, Pardes Hanna, Zoran, Qadima, Kiryat Ata, Kiryat Bialik, Kiryat Gat, Kiryat Tivon, Kiryat Yam, Kiryat Ye'arim, Kiryat Motzkin, Kiryat Malachi, Kiryat Ekron, Rehovot, Ramle, Ramat Yishai, Tel Mond.

■ High-rise building = a building containing at least four apartments per dunam.
■ The sums do not include development grants or defense grants.

For additional details, apply to one of the mortgage banks.

Please Note!!
Persons signing a contract to buy an apartment before December 31, 1998, may choose between the existing aid regulations and the new ones.

* This is for information purposes only, and the binding clauses are those set by government decision, the law and the decision of the Ministry of Construction and Housing.

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Police report shows rise in crime

By AMY KLEIN

Police Inspector-General Yehuda Wilk distributed a report yesterday showing a significant rise in crime and violence during the first half of 1998, compared with the same period during 1997.

Wilk's figures show a 12.5 percent rise in crimes committed when those two periods are compared. There was also a 10% increase in reported cases of violence.

However, when the first six months of this year are compared with the six months that immediately preceded them, the results are more encouraging, and police expect further advances in combatting crime by the end of the year, Wilk said.

According to the report, the number of criminal investigations opened by the police has been steadily rising in recent years. During the first half of 1994, police opened 140,000 criminal investigations, and by 1997 the number for the same six months was 171,000. Police opened 210,000 criminal cases in the first half of this year.

The increase in criminal investigations does not mean that police have failed, said Minister of Internal Security Avigdor Kahalani.



Insp.-Gen Yehuda Wilk speaks to reporters in Jerusalem yesterday about a police report showing a 12 percent rise in crime. (Isaac Harari)

"The increase in investigations may indicate that police are working harder," he told Israel Radio.

Nor should the police be faulted for the other indications that crime is rising. "You have to blame the education, welfare, legislative and legal system," he said. "Criminal activity comes from our culture and behavior."

Almost 300 more police investigations were opened this year for serious crimes – including murder, rape, robbery and extortion – than during the first half of last year. Drug crimes rose 10%, the report showed.

Though there was only one more murder reported at this year's halfway mark as compared to the same period last year, 36 out of the 91 murder investigations have not been solved.

Wilk, who began his term in January, compared the statistics from the January - June 1998 period to the period immediately preceding it, July – December 1997. He found that crime fell 2.5% and predicted it would continue to do so through the rest of the year and until the year 2,000.

"The trend is beginning to change," he said. The addition of 1,000 police workers – 500 new officers and 500 who have been moved from other departments – has contributed to the decline, Wilk said. A change in administrative procedures that began in January 1998 is also expected to help, he said.

"Even though we think crime is declining, by no means are we euphoric," Wilk said. "There is still a high rate of crime."

Rise in crime

Crime	# of incidents reported	% change between first half '98 and '97
Break-ins	17,945	+14.5
Robbery	141,243	+13.5
Auto theft	22,760	+5
Auto accidents	13,470	+11.3
Accident victims	25,298	+13.7
Family violence	10,600	+5
Drug arrests	4,400	+10
Juvenile arrests	5,130	+15
Rape	425	+8.9
Murder	91	+1.1
Criminal files opened	210,000	+23

Panel appointed to study police investigations

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday appointed a committee to study the policies of police and other investigatory agencies on releasing information during investigations.

"The matter of publicizing police investigations, especially investigations of public figures, has become a staple of the public's daily agenda. There is a clash as to whether the right to freedom of expression outweighs the subject of the investigation's right to respect and to his good name," they explained in the letter appointing the committee.

"Among the questions that arise in this arena are revealing the names of suspects and detainees; announcements at various stages of an investigation; reports on the proceedings of the investigation and its progress; items brought into and said in the interrogation rooms; and information regarding the conclusions and recommendations of investigators."

The committee was asked to take into consideration the interest of the public, of those being investigated, and of the those carrying out the investigation.

Former Tel Aviv District Court president Eliahu Vinograd is to head the committee, whose members include representatives of the ministries and the police, as well as judges, lawyers, academics, and State Attorney Edna Arbel.

Hanegbi and Kahalani are to join the committee, which is expected to turn in its results in nine months, for its first meeting in the near future. (Itim)

Crime, violence fueled by unemployment

By AMY KLEIN

The high rise in crime is directly related to the high rate of unemployment, said criminology professor Arye Rattner, from Haifa University.

As of May 1998, there were about 210,000 people out of work, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. This is the highest unemployment rate since the second quarter of 1993.

"World research shows a correlation between unemployment and crime and violence," said Rattner. This correlation can be explained by the "frustration aggression" theory, he said, which examines what conditions lead to violence.

"Unemployment leads to frustration on a national and personal level," said Rattner. "This is higher when people are home, out of work. There is more violence, especially within the family," he said.

Rattner also believes that the political situation is a cause for the generally high rate of violent crime in the last decade. "Israel once had the lowest violence rates in the world. But with the trauma of the intifada, we participated in violent incidents," he said.

Violent behavior is learned behavior, he said, and Israelis have learned this behavior from their experience in the army or from watching violent confrontations on the news. "What we have been exposed to in the recent decade is now coming out in society," he said.

But police are not at fault, said Rattner, especially for violent crime between families and couples.

"Even if we put a policeman on every street – we cannot prevent violent crime," he said.

But former police Insp.-Gen. Ya'acov Terner disagrees.

"If we want to deal effectively with crime, we must enlarge the number of police on the streets," he said. "The police force is still too small for the needs of this country," he said.

"The key to our high crime rate is the lack of police on the streets at night, when a large number of crimes take place," Terner said.

He scoffs at the addition of only 500 more officers to the force. "The police need 13,000-14,000 new cops," he said. Anything less, he said, "is like putting a band-aid on a heart attack."

Religious teacher's firing condemned

The Teachers Union is threatening to prevent the opening of the school year if the dismissal of Yaffa Rosenbaum, a state-religious kindergarten teacher in Moshav Elifelet in the North, is not reversed.

Rosenbaum, a 26-year veteran teacher who is observant, was fired because Education Ministry officials had learned that her husband is secular and her children go to secular schools.

The dismissal raised vehement objections yesterday.

"*Ahavat Yisrael* [love for fellow Jews] and educating toward tolerance... begins in kindergarten," the moderate religious Meimad movement said in a statement. "The ministry theme for the coming year, 'The right and obligation to respect,' doesn't jibe with this obtuse step" by religious education officials.

Former education minister Amnon Rubinstein demanded that Education Minister Yitzhak Levy retract the dismissal immediately, calling it a "legal and public scandal."

Parents in the moshav are also threatening to boycott the start of the school year if Rosenbaum, 45, is not returned to work. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel is threatening to take the matter to court.

The Religious Education Administration said that the dismissal was in keeping with regulations "that are known to all who are employed in state-religious schools."

But the officials added that, given the public outcry, Levy would reexamine the case. (Itim)

Matza backs establishment of two new health funds

By JUDY SIEGEL

Angry at the four public health funds for coordinating their demands for a government bailout and for holding a large demonstration in Jerusalem last week, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza said yesterday that he "would consider allowing the opening of two more health funds."

During a meeting with representatives of the health consumer organization, Zvi, Matza said he would not oppose the establishment of profit-making health funds instead of additional non-profit ones.

But Ministry spokesman Yoram Malka later retracted the statement, after it was pointed out to him that the idea would violate the National Health Insurance Law.

Malka said the minister could decide unilaterally to allow more health funds to open, adding that "there have been a number of requests." He did not offer details.

Matza accused the health funds of running a "cartel" and attacked them for threatening to cut services if they do not receive a total of NIS 650 million, which they say the Treasury owes them.

Matza added that "it's worth investigating how much the health funds' demonstration, with their hats and t-shirts, cost despite the financial squeeze on the insurers."

Meanwhile, the health funds said they are waiting impatiently for an announcement by the prime minister's office of a proposal to address the NIS 2 billion deficit in the health system.

A spokesman for the prime minister said such a statement would probably be released today, when Moshe Leon, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, summarizes deliberations he has had over the past week about the issue.

Asked to comment about Matza's ideas for increasing the number of health funds, Dr. Bruce Rosen, a senior health policy researcher at the JDC-Brookdale Institute in Jerusalem, said:

"Sometimes competition increases costs, especially in the short term, when more community clinics and other facilities would have to be built."

"But it could be that in the long term, having six health funds could increase competition, improve services and lower costs," he added.

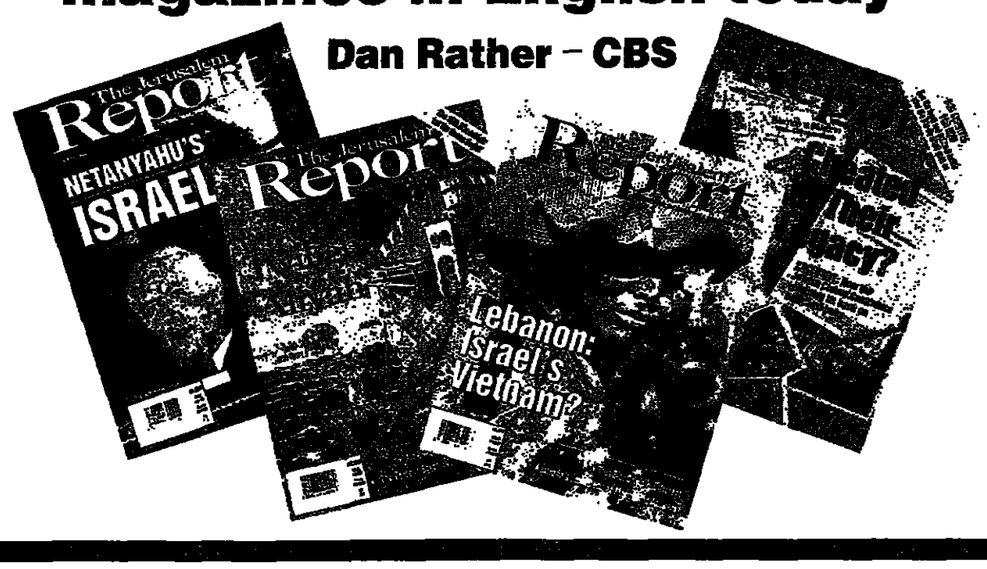
The matter would be more complicated if a political party in the coalition had a health fund and pressured the government to cover deficits, Rosen added.

"If a health fund were established on a non-political basis to offer something creative that doesn't exist, such as more emphasis on preventive medicine or women's health care, this could be beneficial, but not if it were more of the same thing," he said.

There has been speculation that Shas might be interested in establishing its own health fund, but an aide to Shas's Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri said he had not heard of such plans.

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According to data of hospital gift-service firm

Half of newborns Arabs or haredi

By JUDY SIEGEL

Forty-seven percent of all babies delivered in Israeli hospitals are Arab or haredi – but this estimate comes not from the Central Bureau of Statistics, but a Tel Aviv-area company that distributes free gifts in obstetrics wards.

Tsa'ad Rishon said yesterday that according to its data in the field – 24 of the 27 hospitals that deliver babies – 35% of all babies are Arab and 12% are haredi.

According to company director Ella Nahum, Tsa'ad Rishon reached this conclusion by the expressed desires of mothers after delivery: they're asked whether the food articles in the gift package must have the kashrut supervision of Rabbi Moshe Landa (favored by the majority of the haredi population) or by the chief rabbinate.

The data on Arab women is obtained from asking if they want a pamphlet from advertisers in Hebrew or Arabic. Nahum said that while she's not a statistician, she feels the figures "reflect what is happening in the field."

Asked to comment, Central Bureau of Statistics spokesman David Neuman said he could neither confirm or deny the figures because "we have no data at all on haredim; it's against the law to ask such things."

Looking at enrollments in haredi schools is not accurate either, as many lower-income secular and traditional families, especially Russian immigrants, send their children to Shas schools because of their longer hours, free hot meals and lower costs.

One can't ask if a person sings "Hatikva" or stands for a moment of silence on Remembrance Day to determine if someone is haredi. But the CBS figures for births in Israeli hospitals include about 36,000 born to Arab women and 86,000 to Jews – making Arab newborns about 29% of the total. The natural increase (births over deaths) of residents of the almost totally haredi city of Bnei Brak in 1996 was 26.2, compared to only 14.8 of the general population (including Arabs), so this gives an indication of their high birth rate.

Of Moslem families, 83% have children under 17, while the figure is only 64% among Jewish families, according to the CBS.

New CBS figures on the number of single-parent families show that there are 753,000 couples with children under the age of 17, and 81,000 single-parent families with minor children, constituting 14% of all families with children.

Prof. Eliezer Jaffe, chairman of Jerusalem Israel Free Loan Association and an expert in social work, said these figures and their social implications must be followed with concern.

"Single-parent families are a growing group, and nearly all of them are headed by women. At a time of high unemployment, this can be very dangerous, as families with one provider tend to be poor," he said.

Jaffe said he thinks the large number of single-parent families is due to the growing divorce rate, widows, the large number of Russian immigrant women who arrive with a child but no husband, and the growing tendency of single women to have children either by artificial insemination, the cooperation of non-obligated men or by adopting babies from abroad.

His voluntary organization saw the trend, and two years ago instituted a special category of free loans for single parents. The first year, 16 loans were granted; so far in 1998, the figure was 80 loans.

"We think that the annual figure for single parents's loans will reach $1 million," he said. "The government must ensure that the needed services are available to these families; it's not a child's fault if he doesn't live with his or her father."

Reuters adds:

Almost one in four babies are born outside of marriage in the European Union – up from less than 10 percent in 1980, according to a study released yesterday.

The survey also found that marriage is in decline, with five marriages per 1,000 people in the EU in 1997 compared with 6.3 in 1980.



Romanian Prime Minister Radu Vasile, visiting Modi'in yesterday, listens with a pained expression to the complaints of Romanian laborers. Vasile said he would appoint a Romanian embassy official to help laborers with their problems. (Israel Sun)

Romanian laborers voice their gripes

By VITA BEKKER

Excited Romanian workers welcomed visiting Prime Minister Radu Vasile to their hostel in Modi'in yesterday, plying him with their personal stories and complaints.

Vasile listened intently as Stoika Samir, 33, told him he had not been paid in two months, and that no one seemed to care.

"I must analyze this with the ambassador," Vasile told Samir, shaking his hand.

Later, in a meeting with other Romanian workers, Vasile announced he would appoint an embassy official to help the workers with their problems.

Some 60,000 Romanian workers – the largest group of foreign workers in the country – are officially employed here, mainly in construction. They earn up to NIS 4,300 a month – 10 times higher than the average salary in Romania.

"We are very excited that the prime minister came to see how we live with his own eyes," said construction worker Daniel Gia, 43, after Vasile visited the room he shares with another worker in the hostel.

Gia, who has been working here for the past two years, was to fly home to Kostanza late yesterday to see his wife and two daughters for the first time in 10 months.

Orly Katav, spokeswoman for the Modi'in city council, said 1,100 workers live at the hostel, where their accommodations are paid for by the building contractors. (AP)

Romanian PM visits Yad Vashem

By JAY BUSHINSKY and news agencies

"We have a moral commitment to keep lighted the flame of remembrance for the memory of every innocent victim, and in memory of every inhuman act, but also for the humane acts," Romanian Prime Minister Radÿ Vasile said yesterday on a visit to Yad Vashem.

Vasile noted that "Many Romanian citizens risked their freedom and their lives and reached out to help Jews."

On Monday, Vasile said his country's Parliament will begin deliberations next month on "a comprehensive return of Jewish-owned property" that the Nazis confiscated or nationalized. However, he pointed out that only persons who hold Romanian citizenship will be able to benefit from this legislation.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Vasile differentiated between private and communal property, noting that in the latter category substantial steps already have been taken.

"I recently transferred six buildings to the Jewish community's ownership and last Friday I transferred four more," he said.

US prosecutors seek to revoke citizenship of Nazi

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Jakob Reimer "assisted in the persecution of innocent persons from 1941 to 1945" and should never have been allowed to enter the US, federal prosecutors said as proceedings began this week to revoke the citizenship of the alleged Nazi criminal.

Reimer was a commander at a Nazi SS training camp in Trawniki, Poland, participated in the mass execution of 50 to 60 Jews, and helped liquidate Jewish ghettos in Poland, Edward A. Stutman, a Justice Department lawyer, said in federal court in Manhattan on Monday.

"The Trawniki training camp was in every respect imaginable a training ground for persecution and murder, and the defendant was one of its first teachers," he said.

The Justice Department's Nazi-hunting unit has accused Reimer, now 79 and living in Carmel, New York, of lying about his past when he entered the US.



Jack Reimer (AP)

It is seeking to revoke his citizenship, which Reimer received in 1959.

That could lead to Reimer's deportation. His lawyer, former US attorney general Ramsey Clark, said the Ukrainian-born Reimer was a prisoner of war during World War II and had not lied when he applied for admission to the US in 1952.

Clark also accused the Justice Department of exaggerating the charges. "The government speaks as if the documents are overwhelmingly clear on these subjects, and they are just the opposite," Clark said. Later, he told reporters that the US decision to prosecute Reimer after so long indicated that "perhaps they're running out of business."

The proceedings before Judge Lawrence M. McKenna are expected to take two weeks.

Stutman said the evidence against Reimer would include 132 written statements of "victims, witnesses, perpetrators and accused perpetrators," including two by Reimer himself, who has given different accounts of his role.

Reimer was a lieutenant in the Soviet army when he was captured by the Germans in 1941. He was transferred to Trawniki, where he helped to train men to assist the SS, officials say.

NEWS *in brief*

Suspected Jewish bones found in Warsaw

Skeletons, believed to be the remains of Jews, have been found in Warsaw during excavations to prepare for new sewage pipes, a local Jewish community official said yesterday. The bones of at least three people, and possibly many more, were uncovered near the Umschlagplatz and have been sent for forensic testing. "Think of all the people who died in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising," said the official. "It is difficult to excavate here and not find bones." Early estimates said the skeletal remains of dozens of people had been found. *Marilyn Henry*

7 injured in desert jeep accident

Seven people – among them two children – were injured yesterday, when the jeep in which they were touring the Judean Desert overturned on the cliffs of Nahal Dragot.

The trekkers, two in serious condition and five moderately injured, were helicoptered to Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem. *Itim*

Court extends remand of dangerous driver

A Beersheba Magistrate's Court judge yesterday extended the remand of Akla Mohammed Aljian, 24, for three days, on suspicion that he caused the collision that killed seven Palestinian workers at the Tel Shoket junction on Monday. Police said Aljian turned left at the Shoket junction without stopping at a stop sign, and thus hit a van that was transporting the workers from Dhahiriya. *Itim.*

Israel-bound passengers marooned in Athens

A simple trans-Atlantic flight came to grueling conclusion yesterday as Tower Air passengers headed to Israel more than two days after leaving the US. The flight, which began in Miami late Sunday, stopped to refuel in New York then headed for Tel Aviv. But it was forced to land in Athens on Monday because of an undisclosed technical problem, said Israeli sources. When the plane was fixed, Tower Air sent the plane back to New York with 400 other passengers who had been waiting in the Athens airport, leaving behind the nearly 200 Tel Aviv-bound travelers. Another plane came from Tel Aviv on Monday to take them to Israel, but it also had technical problems. So the exhausted passengers were stranded in Athens for the night. Some people flew to Israel aboard El Al on Monday. The others were departed with Tower Air late yesterday. *AP*

Elbit, GM to launch electric vehicles venture

Elbit Systems Ltd. and General Motors have launched a joint venture for the development and evaluation of a design for a modular traction system for electric vehicles. The Haifa-based Elbit will use technology developed in its military electric drive system, which uses a disk motor developed by Samot Engineering Ltd. Executives said the goal is to replace the internal combustion engines of today's cars, which uses gasoline and pollutes the environment. *Steve Rodan*

Tissue-typing search yields marrow donor for child

By JUDY SIEGEL

A child with leukemia will undergo a bone-marrow transplant at the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva with a donation from one of 6,000 Israelis who underwent tissue-type testing last month.

The unnamed donor and child were a perfect match.

According to Dr. Theresa Klein, head of the tissue-typing lab at the Rabin Medical Center, there are several others who gave blood samples who are undergoing secondary tests to check if they can donate bone marrow to any of the 77 youngsters with cancer who need a transplant, which could cure their cancer.

Klein said that all of the 6,000 blood samples donated in one afternoon were tested at a lab in Los Angeles; thousands of other would-be donors were turned away due to lack of money and equipment for the tests.

Ordinary labs can process up to 30 blood samples a week, but the California lab was able to handle 6,200 on a single weekend. It doubled the number of samples registered at the Rabin Medical Center data bank, and the results will be put on the Internet site of a world registry.

Klein's lab was established with funding from Oranit and Ezer Mi'Zion, provided to those organizations by the Sehayek and Mamman families in Afula in memory of their children who died for lack of a bone-marrow transplant.

She said that the recent blood-testing campaign greatly increased public awareness of the need to be tested for tissue type and be a potential bone-marrow donor. She hopes that as more funds and transplant facilities become available, testing for tissue type will become more routine in the IDF and the health funds.

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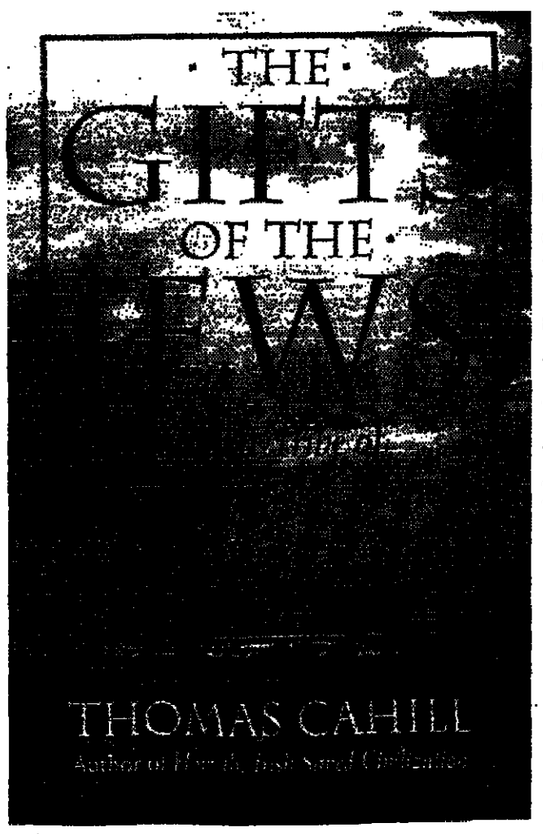
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Turks bearing gifts

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

A detailed diary is a strange artifact, preserving a slice of long-forgotten raw life like an iced-up lollipop at the back of the freezer.

Taking the lollipop out for a lick years later can induce cringing embarrassment, or infinite sadness.

Not being a diary-keeper, I still cannot explain what induced me to start such a journal on 1 January 1974 and keep it running in obsessive daily essays until the last entry on August 15.

That last entry from 24 years ago begins: "Today [my wife and daughter] were summoned from home at dawn and flown out as refugees from this sunny island to a derelict army base in the bleakest, dreariest corner of Lincolnshire. I remain to clear up the remnants of a happy past in the debris of war. The child pointed at the bren-gun carriers racing past us in Limassol and said simply: 'The Turks are coming again. What will happen to our friends?'

[Her mother] said, 'The world will abandon them' and looked away to cry into the car window."

Wooden horse

All wars are personal wars, and to most of us foreigners caught in the near destruction of the legendary island of Cyprus 24 years ago, it was a heinous act of international barbarism thrust in our faces like a personal insult. A deadly cocktail of Greek military fascism and Turkish military aggression blew up in the faces of the Cypriots, one of the most civilized and hospitable peoples in Europe. Added to the junta of colonels in Athens and the generals in Ankara was the collusion of the superpowers, and the abject spinelessness of the British. Abandoned, indeed.

The colonels raised a coup, overthrew Archbishop Makarios and installed a simple thug, Nicos Samson, as puppet president in Nicosia.

"Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes," wrote the Roman poet Virgil about the wooden horse offered to Troy – "I fear Greeks when they bring gifts." The coup was the modern wooden horse the junta Greeks delivered to Nicosia.

The Turks took the bait and finished the job. They invaded the island, occupied the northern third of it and relentlessly drove 200,000 Greek Cypriot refugees south of their arbitrary "green line."

Washington, mired as usual in sleazy relations with "anti-communist" fascist regimes like the Athens junta, could scarcely conceal its glee at the overthrow of the "Red Archbishop" Makarios, who ran a more happy and civilized, non-aligned but pro-European country than any Greek or Chilean general could even visualize.

Friends indeed

The Turkish defense minister asked the Soviet ambassador in Ankara what Moscow's attitude would be. He was told, "Invade, but don't take all of the island."

Well, of course, how wonderful to throw the southern flank of NATO into absolute chaos. The Soviets received an added bonus which they may or may not have anticipated – after the invasion two squadrons of British nuclear strike bombers were pulled out of Cyprus.

Britain, Turkey and Greece were the guarantors of the independence of Cyprus under a tripartite treaty. These friends of Cyprus proved to be the ultimate case of "With friends like these who needs enemies."

Greece overthrew a Greek Cypriot president in a bloody coup, Turkey invaded and destroyed all in its path and the British, with massive air and ground forces on the island, did absolutely nothing, despite being invoked under the Treaty of Guarantee to intervene.

Turkey shamelessly called its invasion Operation Attila, reveling in the Hunnish barbarity with which it stomped across Cyprus. When it began its second phase of the invasion on August 14, then British foreign minister James Callaghan said: "Today Cyprus is hostage to 30,000 Turkish troops. Tomorrow these troops will be the hostage of Cyprus."

Very clever James. British troops meanwhile were "holding the low ground." Oddly enough, Callaghan was almost right. Turkey has become the political hostage of Cyprus because the Cypriots' astonishingly successful public-relations campaigns have kept Europe's only invader since World War II out of the European Union.

A lesson somewhere?

Israel should take note of this. Cyprus has been the best political friend of Israel in this region, and has got precious little thanks or appreciation in return. True, the friendship had to be discreet at times because of the huge influence of powerful Arab states on the island's small economy, but it has never faltered. A plaque at Larnaca harbor, in English, Greek and Hebrew, recalls the aid and friendship ordinary Cypriots gave to pre-state Jewish refugees interned by the British in Cyprus.

Not once did Cyprus ever consider giving in to powerful Arab pressure to close the Israeli embassy in Nicosia. It has been Israel's gateway to the rest of the world in dark times, and unlike some so-called European friends, it helped to circumvent, not enforce, the Arab boycott.

It is scarcely surprising that Cyprus feels anxious and hurt now that Israel is cozying up to the Turkish invader in such a big way. "This alliance is not directed against any third country" doesn't cut any ice in Nicosia, any more than it does in Damascus. Maybe Israel likes big, macho military buddies bringing gifts of free airspace over Anatolia. Beware of Turks bearing gifts.

New beginnings

If last week's meeting between a former American hostage and one of his Iranian captors is any indication, the once abysmal US-Iranian relations are in fact warming

By JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG

PARIS – For Barry Rosen, the decision was the toughest in nearly 20 years. Should he come face to face with a man who held him and more than 50 other Americans hostage in Iran for 444 agonizing days as mobs chanted "Death to America" outside?

Rosen, former press officer – and captive – at the US Embassy in Teheran, decided it was time. For two hours last Friday, he shared a speaker's platform in Paris with Abbas Abdi, onetime Iranian revolutionary student leader and a mastermind of the 1979 embassy takeover.

What's important now is not to forget or forgive, Rosen, 54, told a conference on American-Iranian relations, but for the United States and Iran to move on.

"The past can't be made to go away, and shouldn't," the former US diplomat said. "But a new beginning can be made."

At the end, a solemn Rosen, now executive director of public affairs at Teachers College, part of Columbia University in New York, got up and stood at the right of the stubble-chinned Abdi, 42.

The men clasped hands, and the bearded and bald American slapped his former captor on the back.

"The past cannot be altered," said Abdi, who now works as a columnist and editorial board member at *Salam*, a Teheran newspaper. "Instead we must focus on building a better future, which is unquestionably within our capabilities."

Abdi offered no apologies. Instead, he said the student occupation saved American lives by preventing an attack from armed Iranian radicals.

Friday's unprecedented encounter took place under the aegis of an organization headed by Eric Rouleau, a former French ambassador who, as correspondent for the Paris daily *Le Monde*, covered the hostage crisis.

The meeting was the idea of Iranian friends of Abdi's, who contacted Rouleau's Cyprus-based Center for World Dialogue. Rosen said he agreed to take part after struggling to "put my resentment behind me."

Although both he and Abdi stressed they were in Paris as private citizens, the encounter was taken by experts as yet another sign that once abysmal US-Iranian relations have improved since Iranian President Mohammed Khatami in January called for tearing down the "wall of mistrust" between the countries. Abdi is reputed to be close to Khatami.

"This is not a dialogue between civil societies," said Hooshang Amirahmahi, former director of Middle Eastern Studies at Rutgers University, who said he played a part in organizing Friday's get-together. "This is a dialogue between the United States and Iran."

If so, the session in an auditorium of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization headquarters in Paris quickly demonstrated how fraught with pain and difficulty that dialogue will be.

On three separate occasions, guards were called in to clear the hall of Iranian exiles who stood up and shouted that Abdi had had a hand in the deaths of 30,000 political prisoners and other alleged crimes of Iran's Islamic regime.

Abdi said he had been one of a dozen student ringleaders of the November 4, 1979, embassy takeover, but played down the significance of the event as a generator of US-Iranian tensions.

"The true foundation of the mutual mistrust, he countered, came in 1953 when nationalist leader Mohammed Mossadegh was ousted in a US-sponsored coup and replaced with the pro-Western shah. This was the "taking of an entire nation hostage," Abdi said.

Rosen, who had been blindfolded at times by the Iranian students, branded a spy and confined to a crude prison cell during his ordeal, acknowledged that Iranians do have grievances over past US policies toward their country.

But nothing, the New Yorker said, can pardon the conduct of those who "squashed the human rights" of himself and the 51 other Americans kept prisoner until January 21, 1981.

According to Abdi, the original goal of the students was to pressure the US into deporting Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who had fled into exile. The militants' leaders believed the embassy occupation would last no longer than a week.

Abdi said conditions were so humane and friendly in the embassy that captors and captives played chess together – an assertion Rosen ridiculed.

Before the two men came to Paris, they said, they had no recollection of ever having met.

In an interview, Rosen said he believed Abdi had to be very guarded about what he said Friday afternoon.

In 1993, Abdi was arrested and served an eight-month prison term for questioning the political power of conservative mullahs. Even before he arrived in France, one Teheran newspaper denounced his decision to come.

"He has to go back to Iran," Rosen said. "I'll go back to New York City, and people can call me an idiot for what I've done. But that's all I'm going to get. About Abdi...I don't know." (Los Angeles Times)



Though American Barry Rosen (left) does not intend to 'forgive and forget' his Iranian kidnappers, and Abbas Abdi offered no apologies for the 444-day takeover of the US embassy, both are committed to building better relations between their countries. (AP)

Funds lacking for German Holocaust museum

By MARK JOHN

BONN – A group of historians and writers who have put forward a proposal for a museum in Germany dedicated to the Holocaust said yesterday cash for the project was still lacking, five years after the idea was launched.

"It's going to take time," said Hans-Juergen Haessler, chairman of the Foundation for the German Holocaust Museum.

The foundation has suggested the museum be financed from a mix of central and local government funds, together with private sponsorship from individuals and companies. The final cost is estimated at double-digit millions of marks.

"It's not going to be all that cheap," Haessler told a news conference in Bonn.

Both Israel and the US have Holocaust museums but no such institution exists in Germany more than 50 years after the mass murders of Jews, gypsies and other groups by the Nazis.

But Haessler said there was currently no contact with Bonn over the project, and other foundation members said no quick decision was expected from Germany's 16 regional states, who determine spending on cultural projects in Germany.

Even Jewish groups in Germany have expressed doubts over the viability of the museum, noting that the construction of a long-planned Holocaust memorial in Berlin had been delayed by a fierce controversy over its design.

But museum supporters said their project, launched in 1993 with the aim of explaining the significance of the Holocaust to mass audiences, was becoming increasingly necessary.

"In 10 years time, there will be practically no more surviving Holocaust victims left," said project curator Rolf Wernstadt.

Military historian Manfred Messerschmidt said many Germans lived with "preconceptions and misunderstandings" about what happened during the Holocaust.

Many opponents of the proposed museum and memorial argue the best monuments to the Holocaust are the concentration and death camp sites, such as the those in Sachsenhausen and Ravensbrueck.

Museums in Germany that concentrate on specific aspects of Nazism – such as Berlin's Topography of Terror exhibition on the Gestapo secret police – often see the project as overlapping onto their territory.

"But our plan does not affect them. We are not a competitive enterprise," Wernstadt said.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has yet to express an opinion either way on the museum project, is a firm backer of plans for the memorial.

From his holiday resort in St Gilgen, Austria, yesterday, Kohl repeated that he saw the monument as vital. "The reaction we would get (from abroad) if we didn't build it, would be very damaging for our country," he said.

Nobody from the Central Council of Jews in Germany was immediately available for comment, but a spokeswoman for council chairman Ignatz Bubis said however that while Bubis was personally against the museum, he was keen for a quick decision to enable the memorial to go ahead. (Reuters)

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A man floats in a wooden tub on the flooded Yangtze River, in Hunan province yesterday. (Reuters)

Yangtze breaks dike, 200 washed away

By PAUL ECKERT

BEIJING (Reuters) – China's worst flooding in decades claimed hundreds of new victims when the Yangtze River broke a dike in central Hubei province, washing away a company of soldiers sent to shore up the levee, officials said yesterday.

"About 200 people – including soldiers, farmers, laborers, and local leaders – were working to protect the dike when it collapsed," said a local official in Hubei's Jiayu county. "Just as several trucks full of troops arrived in response to danger reports, the dike collapsed and they were washed away."

The dike broke on Saturday, but the Hubei provincial government imposed a news blackout on flood reports from the county, home to more than half a million people, a second local official said.

A Hubei government spokesman contacted in the provincial capital Wuhan said: "A dike was breached but it has been basically brought under control."

Earlier yesterday, the official Xinhua news agency quoted a flood control official as saying the Yangtze could burst its banks in some 3,200 places and that 1,800 spots could see "major" breaches.

"The flood control situation along the Yangtze remains extremely serious and will remain so for the foreseeable future," Xinhua quoted an official of the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters as saying.

In Jiayu county, water levels were still too high to allow recovery of bodies or a tally of the latest casualties in the worst flooding in China since 1954, the local official said.

The Jiayu official said the government's priority is to rescue those trapped by the floods. About 40,000 of the 60,000 residents of submerged villages have been evacuated, he said.

"Villages near the dike were evacuated early, but residents far away from the levee learned of the crisis only later," he said.

Flooding, an ancient scourge which has claimed millions of Chinese lives over the centuries, has killed thousands this year, driven millions from their homes, and caused at least $4.8 billion in damage.

Hundreds of thousands of people in Hubei, Hunan, and Jiangxi provinces have sought refuge in makeshift tents thrown up on the dikes, relying on government shipments of rice and medicine.

In a sign that thieves have seized the opportunity to ransack flooded homes, Xinhua said authorities in Hunan's Anxiang village had organized night patrols to prevent the burglary of submerged houses.

As heavy rains continue to pound areas along the Yangtze, desperate authorities have shown they are increasingly willing to allow certain dikes to collapse, sacrificing farmland and villages to save its factories and cities.

Flood-control workers in Hubei province had abandoned 11 small dikes to "divert floodwaters and lower the water level in the main stream of the Yangtze", Xinhua said.

The move had caused $48.31 million in losses, but Xinhua credited the tactic with protecting Wuhan, a major industrial center.

Clinton loses in Lewinsky appeal

By JOHN SOLOMON

WASHINGTON (AP) – Turning aside an urgent White House appeal, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist cleared the way yesterday for prosecutors to question White House lawyers about their advice to President Bill Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky case.

Rehnquist refused to delay a federal appeals court ruling that White House lawyers could not invoke attorney-client privilege and must answer questions before a federal grand jury investigating an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

One of the lawyers involved, Lanny Breuer, was subpoenaed and ordered to appear yesterday before the grand jury. Another, presidential confidant Bruce Lindsey, will have to testify after he completes his recovery from back surgery last week.

Rehnquist's order was the latest in a string of court victories for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who is pressing to wrap up his investigation into an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, and has battled the White House over access to several key witnesses.

The courts consistently have refused to tolerate any delays to his high-stakes investigation of the president.

The White House had sought a stay of the appeals court's decision on the lawyers' testimony until the full Supreme Court could consider a formal appeal in the fall.

Presidential lawyers still plan to pursue that appeal.

"There is some disappointment here about that decision," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said after Rehnquist's decision. "This is a very important principle that we will continue to pursue."

Toiv said the White House concern was not about "one or more people testifying" but rather "the ability of not just this president but more importantly future presidents to have the benefit of the attorney-client privilege, which is a bedrock of our legal system."

Legal sources familiar with his subpoena last week said Breuer, who has helped the White House respond to subpoenas in various investigations, was expected to appear as ordered but wasn't expected to possess much first-hand information about the relationship between Lewinsky and the president.

But prosecutors probing possible obstruction of justice and witness tampering wanted to question him about what he may have observed in the early days of the Lewinsky controversy when the White House sought to contain damage.

Fighting in Kosovo stymies plans for aid to ethnic Albanians

By ANNE THOMPSON

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) – Heavy fighting in central Kosovo yesterday prevented international aid agencies from reaching tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians who have fled Serb attacks on their villages.

Ethnic Albanian sources claimed the sealed-off Drenica region was "in flames." The reports indicated that Serb forces are showing no signs of relenting despite President Slobodan Milosevic's promise last week to stop.

The continued fighting stymied plans to send aid for ethnic Albanians near Malisevo, a former stronghold of the secessionist Kosovo Liberation Army, where thousands of refugees sought shelter in the woods after the attacks of recent days.

"We cannot go into a battlefield," said spokesman Kris Janowski of the UN refugee agency in Geneva.

There were no immediate details available on the latest clashes. But the pro-Albanian Kosovo Information Center said Serb forces were attacking central Kosovo from the direction of Srbica and near a road that leads to Likovac, a KLA stronghold.

The report said Drenica, the biggest area controlled by the KLA, was "fully blocked" by the Serb forces and speculated on heavy casualties.

The ethnic Albanian center also said 2,000 civilians tried to flee over Mount Prokletije to Montenegro overnight but the Serbs opened fire on them. It is not clear whether there were any victims.

Janowski, of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, compared the situation in Kosovo to what happened in 1992 in Bosnia, when Serb forces embarked on a policy of trying to empty villages of their non-Serb populations.

"If this is an attempt to drive Kosovo Albanians out of Kosovo ... that would be total lunacy," Janowski said.

19 slain in Kashmir as part of feud between separatist groups

By BINOO JOSHI

JAMMU, India (AP) – Unidentified assailants entered a remote village in the Indian-controlled part of Kashmir and killed 19 people, in what police described yesterday as a feud between two groups of separatist fighters.

Kashmir police chief Gurbachan Jagat said the victims were all relatives of a militant known as Imtiaz, who is wanted by police for alleged acts of terrorism. Details of Monday's killings in the village of Siala were not immediately clear.

In a separate attack, suspected separatists shot three Hindus at point blank range in the southern Kashmir district of Udhampur early yesterday, police said. Before fleeing, the rebels burned seven homes in the Hindu village of Balmatkote village, 200 kilometers northeast of Jammu, the state's winter capital.

Meanwhile, shelling across the India-Pakistan border resumed yesterday after a comparative lull a day earlier. An Indian defense ministry statement said two civilians and a soldier were killed by artillery and mortar fire, raising the death toll in the last five days to at least 91 on both sides of the disputed frontier.

Another 10 people, including two army officers, six soldiers and two civilians, were injured in the firing, the statement said. As it has in the past, India accused Pakistan of targeting civilian areas and said its troops returned fire. There was no immediate comment from the Pakistani side.

Cross-border gunfire intensified last week when Indian and Pakistani leaders held inconclusive talks over the disputed territory of Kashmir.

The killings came less than a day after suspected Kashmiri militants shot dead 34 laborers, most or all of them Hindus, in the adjoining state of Himachal Pradesh.

India and Pakistan have fought two wars over Kashmir, which is divided between them. Militants in the Indian-controlled part of Kashmir want to secede or unite with Muslim Pakistan. The Indian part of Kashmir is the country's only state with an Islamic majority.

Havel develops pneumonia, irregular heartbeat

By ONDREJ HEJMA

PRAGUE (AP) – Doctors used electric shocks yesterday to stabilize the heart of ailing Czech President Vaclav Havel, who was earlier in critical condition.

For two critical hours, Havel's heart rate soared to 200 beats per minute due to blood poisoning caused by pneumonia, and his blood pressure fell to critical levels, said his doctor, Ilja Kotik.

Doctors used electroshocks to restore normal heart functions, he said.

"This was not a case of clinical death, because his blood circulation did not stop," Kotik said. "His condition was temporarily critical."

Kotik said Havel's heart rate was "almost normal" later yesterday and signs of blood poisoning were receding.

"We keep his heart stable through medication now," Kotik said, without elaboration.

Havel underwent long-planned abdominal surgery to close a colostomy on June 26. But his recovery was complicated by breathing problems and infections.

The 61-year-old president, formerly a chain smoker and a veteran of Communist jails, has suffered from chronic bronchitis for years.

He has been hospitalized five times since December 1996, when a third of his lung and a cancerous tumor were removed.

Havel's right lung was blocked Sunday and his temperature went up to 39° as infection attacked his body.



Czech President Vaclav Havel (AP)

"Our suspicions of pneumonia were confirmed," Boris Stastny, a lung specialist on Havel's medical team, said yesterday.

On Monday, doctors performed a tracheotomy – opening a hole in the throat for breathing – to facilitate use of ventilator to assist the president's poor lungs.

Turkish court gives actors a stern sentence

ANKARA (AP) – A playwright and an actor were sentenced to 24 years in prison yesterday for staging a play in Turkey portraying the military as persecutors of devout Moslems.

Four other actors were sentenced to 16 years in prison.

This was their second trial. The first resulted in sentences ranging from two to three years. An appeals court ordered the new trial, saying the sentences were too light.

The court convicted them both times of provoking religious hatred with the play *An Enemy of God*, which depicted a country where the armed forces oppresses devout Moslems. The Moslems retaliate by declaring a holy war.

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Pinup girl cheers up army of fans

Russian military men love Dana Borisova's TV show 'Army Store' for the jokes, the music, the airing of soldiers' gripes and the fit of her blue-striped, sleeveless T-shirt

By DANIEL WILLIAMS

MOSCOW – The Russian Defense Ministry was exasperated with Dana Borisova.

Not only did the blond star use her television show to air soldiers' gripes, tell jokes that portrayed officers as dingbats and broadcast servicewomen's fashion shows, but she was photographed in the Russian *Playboy* atop a tank. Very much out of uniform.

The ministry withdrew its sponsorship, hoping Borisova would sink into obscurity.

But Dana Borisova was bigger than the brass. Soldiers loved her. Commanders continued to allow her onto their bases, let her ride airplanes, scamper about armored vehicles, discuss the latest shoe-shining techniques with lonesome privates.

The show prospered without ministry help.

At 22, Borisova is a national institution. She is Russia's Betty Grable, a televised pin-up for an army desperately in need of a morale boost. And her Sunday program, *Army Store*, is watched by not only thousands of panting draftees, but also civilians who like the jokes, the music, the lively reports on army technology and the fit of Borisova's blue-striped, sleeveless military T-shirt.

"That's the way Russia is now. You do something good, you can get ahead. It helps that with the state of our military, you don't really need permission to go to military bases.

"Everything's out of control. The commanders know me, so we're welcome," she says.

FEW armies in the world are more in need of a good time than Russia's. Budget cuts and chronic wage delays have left the forces ragged. Soldiers bum cigarettes on the streets and pick potatoes for pocket money.

And there's an epidemic of suicides. In the first five months of the year, 166 soldiers and sailors took their own lives, according to the Defense Ministry. Last year, the total was 481.

A report prepared by a parliamentary committee blamed "months-long wage delays, the impossibility of providing members of officers' families with jobs and constant housing difficulties."

The battalions of bad news don't discourage Borisova.

"I'm here to cheer the boys up," she said.

ARMY Store is a sharp departure from Soviet-era military television, which carried such programs as *I Serve the Soviet Union*. It was heavy on saluting, medals and reruns of the Battle of Stalingrad.

Army Store, on the other hand, trades on irreverence.

Private One and Private Two, a pair of Beetle Bailey-type characters, populate the joke segment. They inevitably are falling asleep on guard duty and, when awakened, plead, "I guard the Motherland even in my sleep" – a takeoff on an old Soviet slogan.

Rock stars make cameo appearances and talk about their stints in the military. Borisova airs birthday greetings from home and interviews tearful mothers as they bid farewell to their conscripted sons.

She also reports on the deteriorating conditions on bases, lobbies for better housing and campaigns against hazing. She showed a letter from a commander pledging to investigate a beating incident.

"We get results," she said. "We try to tell the positive things. We are patriotic. But we also want the truth out."

Defense Ministry spokesman Vadim Tarasov said the ministry cut its ties with *Army Store* last year because the show was "not objective."

The army has countered Borisova's program with a dry offering called *I Hit the Target*.

"*Army Store* doesn't observe military protocol. Dana wears a tank top, for instance," Tarasov said.

"We try to instruct the young in the praiseworthy traditions of our army. They play rock music."

Tarasov "regrets" the *Playboy* photo. But, he says: "It's not a government program. We can't tell them what to do."

Soldiers interviewed on leave in Moscow were unanimous in appreciation.

"There is a bit of everything. Humor, videos, new technology and some serious politics," said Yuri, 19, a private. "And, of course, Dana's good-looking. That's important for a soldier."

Anton Morachyov said *Army Store* should focus on the food problem a little more.

"They feed us porridge and rotten cabbage," he said. "It's good they talk about our problems. If we complain to the military prosecutor, we'll be washing toilets for two years."

Few women serve in the military, although a feature on female paratroops attracted letters from lots of potential recruits. *Army Store*, therefore, is basically a male preserve.

Borisova auditioned for the part of host five years ago. "I was draft age," she quipped.

As her popularity grew, *Army Store* branched out. She markets videos of the comic skits and a CD-ROM encyclopedia of weapons. Kevin Costner, in *The Untouchables*, and Mel Gibson, shooting someone, make cameo appearances.

Along with the Defense Ministry, the star's mother was upset about the *Playboy* snapshot.

"She got used to it. She's hung it up in her living room," Borisova said.

She hopes to muster out of her show in a few years and embark on some other kind of TV variety program. A Barbie-like Dana doll is in the works, with a play set that will include a military boyfriend.

In real life, she has no steady relationship.

"There are plenty of options, though," she said. "I have the whole army."

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Baroque treasures

CLASSIC DISCS

By MICHAEL ATZENSTADT

The enormous success of medieval music manifests itself best in the emergence of new recording labels devoted to this ancient music.

Many of these new labels are the result of the enormous success of one musician.

Alla Vox is a relative new Spanish label whose major star is the phenomenal Jordy Savall and his ensemble of extraordinary musicians. However, the newest album from this label, *Jose Marin: Montserrat Figueras, Rolf Lislevand* (AV 9802), is not with Savall but with his wife – the mesmerizing soprano Montserrat Figueras, who sings music by Jose Marin (1618-1699) accompanied by baroque instruments and castanets. The result is a gripping performance and striking music that very few listeners would be familiar with.

Figueras is one of the most engaging baroque singers of our time. Her crystal-clear voice is full of passion, fire and drama, and she breathes life into anything she performs. On this album, she revels in 17th-century music from the royal court of Madrid.

The Binchois Consort under Andrew Kirkman goes further back in its exploration of early music to perform the Mass for St. James the Great and other sacred music by Guillaume Dufay (c. 1400-1474) in a new disc by the British label Hyperion, *Dufay: Music for St. James the Greater* (CDA 669997).

The beauty of listening to such music is that in most cases it is for the first time. There is no real question of comparative listening here. The vast riches of early music enable the numerous ensembles performing it to delve deep into terra incognita in almost every performance or recording.

This specific ensemble performs with sincerity and passion music that is pure and sublime in its content and form alike. This is medieval music at its very best, soothing, hypnotizing and perplexing at the same time.

In contrast to the unknown composers of Europe, Bach's works are recorded and rerecorded time and again. Here we have a new double disc of the complete harpsichord concerti – *Bach: The Complete Harpsichord Concertos* (Decca 460 031-2) performed by Christophe Rousset, who brings vivacity, joie de vivre and elasticity into his playing.

Rousset is backed by the orchestra from the Academy of Ancient Music directed by Christopher Hogwood, who has done a lot of work interpreting Bach and Handel's baroque repertoire.

This is not musical terra incognita, quite the contrary.

Yet Hogwood has the ability to breathe new life into whatever he performs and Rousset is a keyboard player I would definitely want to hear more often. His Bach suggests a musician who is familiar with the style yet has a very clear personal identity.

Altogether, this is Bach with panache and *élan à la baroque*, performed by some of the leading instrumentalists in this genre.

How Jerome Robbins put Israeli dance on its feet

By HELEN KAYE

Choreographer Jerome Robbins, who died last week in New York at 79, helped put Israeli dance on its feet in the Fifties.

Invited here by the America Israel Foundation in 1951 to choose a group for an American fund-raising tour, he went to the Dalia Dance Festival where he watched the then-fledgling Inbal Dance Theater.

The dances were *Memakor Teman* ("From Yemen") and *Be'ikvei Hazon* ("Shepherd Songs"), the first two pieces created by Inbal founder Sara Levi-Tanai, whom he called a genius.

Robbins's support for Inbal changed, and perhaps determined, the group's fate and, indirectly, that of Levi-Tanai.

A personal and professional friendship developed between the American and the Israeli, "and they corresponded until just about a month before he died," says Gila Toledano, a lifelong friend of Levi-Tanai. She has recalled how in 1951 "he invited me out to dinner and told me, 'You are a true artist,' and I cried."

In 1969, to help Inbal during one of its many organizational crises, Robbins wrote to the America Israel Foundation.

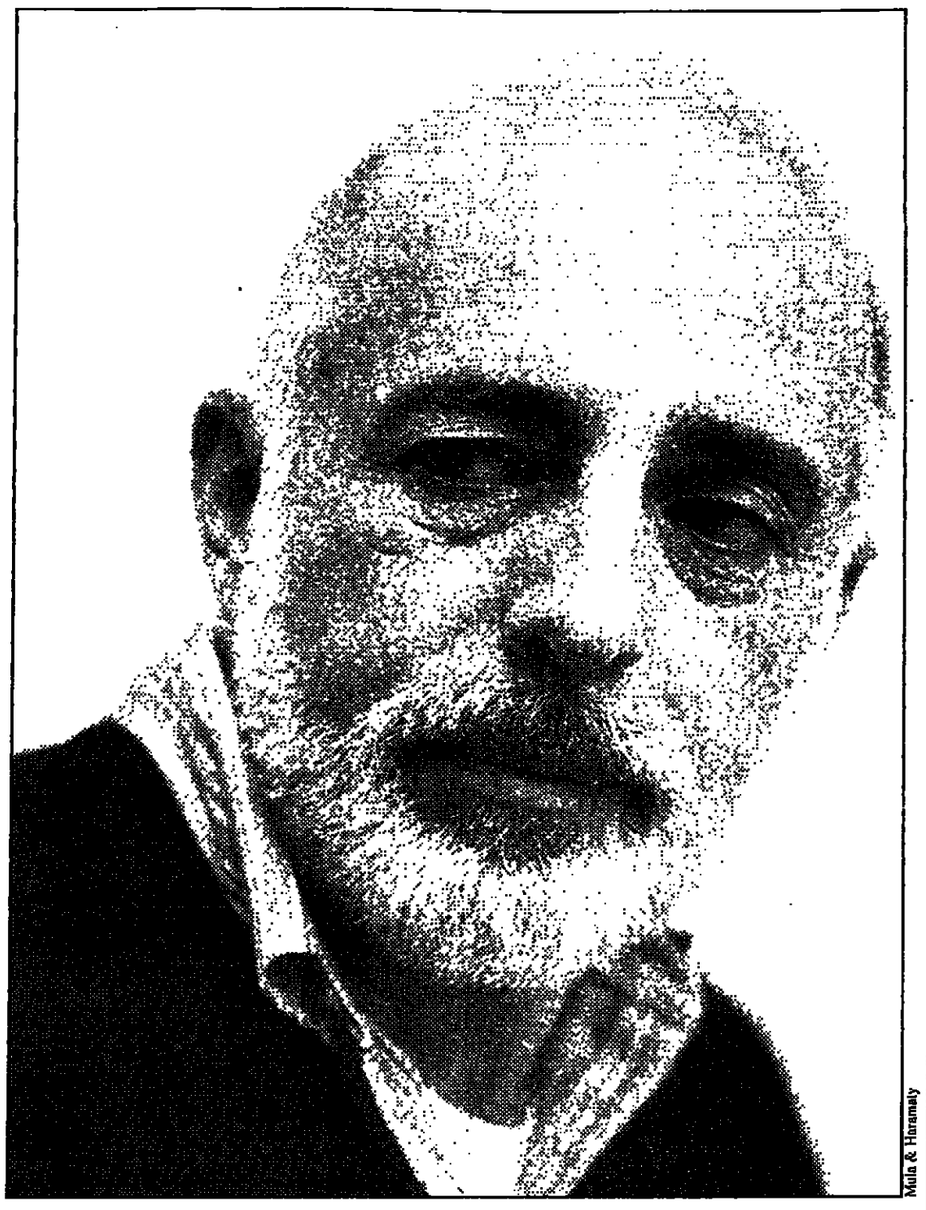
"I have never seen... any dance or theater which comes near to the truly native and unique contribution that Inbal makes," he said in the letter.

Inbal's inventiveness amazed Robbins, recalls another dance pioneer, 1998 Israel Prize winner Hassia Levy-Agron, "but, as he told me in later years, what they needed then was technique, so he sent them Anna Sokolow."

Dancer and choreographer Rina Schenfeld recalls Robbins at Batsheva Dance when she was its principal dancer in the Sixties. After much persuasion, Robbins had agreed to let BD do his *Moves* and spent six weeks here teaching it to the company.

Performed without music, the dance, created for his own company, Ballets USA, "would be considered innovative even today," Schenfeld says, adding that Robbins's own creative tension spurred the dancers to give their best.

Robbins is probably best remembered for two great Broadway musicals which garnered him a raft of awards in their respective years: Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* (1957) and *Fiddler on the Roof* (1964), but his output, both as choreographer and director, encompassed ballet, movies (especially the film version of *West Side Story* which won 11 Oscars) and even plays. In 1963 he directed Anne Bancroft in Brecht's *Mother Courage*.



Mula & Hiramaky

Robbins was very impressed with Inbal Dance Theater's 'truly native and unique contribution.'

Born Jerome Rabinowitz, he changed his name to Robbins only in 1940 when he joined the American Ballet Theater as a dancer. Bernstein composed the music for his first ballet, *Fancy Free*, which got 20 curtain calls at its 1944 premiere.

In 1948 Robbins moved to the New York City Ballet where he started as a dancer and choreographer and remained until his official retirement in 1990. In 1950 Robbins received the first of his many awards from *Dance* magazine for his performance in *The Prodigal Son*.

Robbins had a reputation as a perfectionist but above all as a great creative artist who was not afraid to kick down inhibitive barriers.

'Great Musicians' at TAPAC

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Great Musicians series at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center has grown in content, form and quality this year.

In its fifth season, the series has grown from a recital by one or two musicians to a full orchestral evening. This year it combines the old and the new, young musicians and veteran ones, Israelis and international musicians. Above all, it promises a combination of invigorating and captivating concerts that will surely become one of the leading chamber-music series in Israel.

In its local debut, the electrifying Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra and Chorus under Ton Koopman will perform vocal music by Bach on two consecutive days with some of the world's leading Bach singers as soloists.

Another ensemble making its Israeli debut is the a-cappella vocal group Chanticleer from the US that will sing a varied program from the Renaissance to jazz. Their performance is original and fresh and they achieve an immediate rapport with the audience. Their local debut is long overdue.

Israeli musicians also find a place in this series, justifiably so.

The vibrant, young and very musical Jerusalem Quartet joins forces with clarinetist Sharon Kam in the season opener (December 8). The internationally acclaimed trio of violinist Shlomo Mintz, pianist Itamar Golan and cellist Matt Haimovitz makes its local debut in the series as well.

Georgian-born pianist Alexander Korsantiya is not Israeli but definitely feels at home in the land in which he won the Artur Rubinstein International Master Piano Competition three years ago. A great favorite with local audiences, Korsantiya performs in this series with compatriot pianist Vachtang Kodanashwili and two Israeli percussionists, Chen Zimbalista and Oron Schwartz.

And last but not least, in a co-production with the Israel Contemporary Players, Scott Weir sings Schubert's *Winterreise* in a special orchestral interpretation prepared by Hans Zender.

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Soul legend Luther Vandross still hoping for a No. 1 hit

By ROGER CATLIN

Luther Vandross has sold more than 20 million albums and won five Grammys, but he never has reached the goal he really wants: a No. 1 record.

He has come close. His 1994 duet with Mariah Carey, "Endless Love," hit No. 2 for two weeks. In 1991, his "Power of Love/Love Power" reached No. 4.

Still, getting to the top is important enough to Vandross that he left his label after 16 years to try to make it happen elsewhere.

"I hope that's one of the things that we can accomplish at Virgin that we didn't accomplish at Epic," Vandross said in a recent telephone interview. "Whitney and Mariah and Richard Marx – they've all had No. 1 records. And I want one, too."

His new album, *I Know*, due out August 11, has plenty of the lush ballads that made him a top concert attraction and consistent platinum-selling artist.

But it also takes forays into jazz (a duet with Cassandra Wilson), adds a smattering of hip-hop, and revisits the dance music that started his career.

"I started out, you know, [with] 'Never Too Much' and 'Glow of Love' and 'Searching' – all big club hits at the time. And I really enjoyed that.

"And once I started singing the 'Superstars' and 'House is Not a Home' and songs that really sort of tugged at the heartstrings, I think that took precedence over the up-tempo numbers. Even though my biggest hits are up-tempo numbers – 'Power of Love,' my biggest song, is an up-tempo number."

He won't risk his solid reputation to gain a newfound trendiness. He doesn't want to ask "Is that hip enough?" in order to decide whether to include a track on an album.

"The music that I sing is a choice," he says. "I believe I can sing anything I hear on the radio. I could sing all of that. I just choose to be a little more subtle and metaphorical about the way I write.

"And, you know, I always prefer to imply something rather than to blatantly state it, even if that's in style. I'm just not one to talk about taking showers together and rubbing oil on each other. I just am not into it. I'm into a more poetic approach to love and relationships as a source of subject matter for a song."

He'll leave the more explicit love songs to Usher, Puffy and Bobby Brown.

"As funky as it may be," he says, "I'm not the jump-over-the-chair-and-land-up-in-a-split type of person."

His substantial size never has been a deterrent to Vandross' success, although the singer has struggled with his weight. At some points in his 20-year career there have been alarming weight losses that have lasted only a matter of months.

For a time, he says, "I was always so paranoid about my weight that it kept me from wanting to be seen a lot. So that's one of the reasons why you would virtually never see me on television."

Vandross has come to terms with it only recently.

"I've gotten over that in the past short period of time," Vandross says. "You know, I decided that it's nothing that I can kill myself over. I have diabetes, and it's something that prevents me from being able to keep the weight off for long periods of time because of the changes that my body subjects me to. So it's just a fact of life.

"If I could lose 100 pounds and wear Versace clothes and Armani clothes and my blood pressure goes down, that's wonderful," he says. But if he can't do that, it will in no way affect his gift.

Fans have loved him through thick or thin. "Most of them prefer me heavy maybe because that's the way I came to them initially."

(The Hartford Courant)

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NEWS

of the muse

End-of-summer fun for the little ones

The *Kessem shel Agada* ("Story Magic") festival of theater and dance at Tel Aviv's Suzanne Dellal Center from August 25–27 is for the younger set, from age two to seven or eight. Jerusalem's Train Theater and the Orna Porat Children and Youth Theater provide most of the shows in the center's three spaces, and there's also free fun on the plaza outside. The shows include three premieres: *Shlosha Haverim Vetoref* ("Three Friends and a Predator") and a musical version of *Ma'aleh Karahot* ("Baldy Heights") from OPCYT and *Bar Be'erez Habarbar* ("Bar among the Barbarians"), a new dance piece by Anat Assoulin-Madar.

The first show is also a musical in which a sloth, a duck and a beaver have to deal with a mysterious predator. *Ma'aleh Karahot* is a parable about conformity and the musical version is set in the same town where nobody has ever had a hair on their heads until the newly elected mayor wakes one morning with a soft fuzz on his scalp! Assoulin-Madar's is about a girl who turns her room into an imaginary country where nothing is taboo. Shows from the Train Theater include storytelling and activities for the very little ones, as well as puppet theater about animals, *Andersen Legends* from the Eric Smith puppet theater, and a performance of *Zachacha* , Ohad Naharin's new piece, from the Batsheva Ensemble. Show times are between 4:30 and 7 p.m. *Helen Kaye*

Chicago festival honors Channel 2 documentary

The Channel 2 documentary *Being Here, Being There* won honorable mention at the Chicago Film Festival last month. The film, directed by Yitzhak Rubin, deals with the emotional pressures suffered by Holocaust survivors and their influence on the second and third generation. *Helen Kaye*

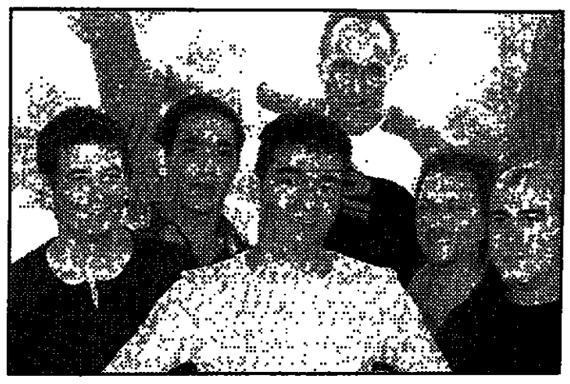
International success for Young Philharmonic

The Young Philharmonic Orchestra was one of 10 international youth orchestras invited to participate in the Youth Olympics in Moscow which ended on July 19. The orchestra, with music director and conductor Ze'ev Dorman, finished in a joint first place in these olympics in tandem with youth orchestras from Vienna and Philadelphia. The event concluded with a huge open-air concert led by maestro Valery Gergiev in which the 10 orchestras played together at Moscow's Red Square. *Michael Ajzenstadt*

IPO packs its suitcases

After concluding the season with a most exciting Beethoven festival, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and music director Zubin Mehta begin their annual globetrotting summer tour. This time the orchestra appears in festivals in Italy, Croatia, Spain and Germany. The programs comprise music by Beethoven (including the First Piano Concerto played by Jonathan Gilad), Mahler's Third Symphony (with Swedish mezzo-soprano Anna Lasen) and Bruch's Violin Concerto, with soloist David Garrett. *Michael Ajzenstadt*

Beer and Briza in Ashkelon



Atraf is one of the bands performing in Ashkelon.

Briza in the Ashkelon National Park is a festival for the dog days, or this heat we're in the middle of. This year's, the fourth, is from August 8-13 and in tune with what we call here "the cucumber season," everybody is hosting everybody else. Rita hosts Shlomo Bar and Habrera Hativit, and hubby Rami Kleinstein hosts Yoav Yitzhak (August 8), and Shlomo Artzi hosts Sarit Hadad (August 13), all at the amphitheater. At the same venue: bouzouki virtuoso Vassilis Karras (August 10) from Greece with a 12-member ensemble, and the 14-member Cubanismo band (August 12) with the hottest Latin sound this side of the Caribbean.

The audience has to pay for these shows, but there are two free stages, and Spanish flamenco artist Hermina Rodriguez will be performing every night at different times, on one of them with her five-member ensemble. Other performers include Margalit Tsanani, Atraf, Amazonas, the four-member Gaia ensemble and more. A not inconsiderable attraction at this friendly festival are the multiplicity of ethnic food stalls and 30 kinds of beer from half a dozen countries. The carless can even take special buses that leave from the Tel Aviv train station at 6:30, returning at 1 a.m. *Helen Kaye*

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Saddam is still with us

As inevitable as summer heat, Saddam Hussein is back to make everyone's life a misery one more time. Once again he apparently is operating under the delusion that he can force the United Nations to sidestep the United States and end prematurely and conveniently the sanctions preventing Iraq from deploying its weapons of mass death.

Iraq's deputy prime minister Tareq Aziz yesterday rejected a proposal from UN arms inspector Richard Butler to speed up his inspections and wrap up this Iraqi defiance that has dragged on for seven years. Instead, Aziz demanded that the UN files be closed and the inspections ended.

Saddam is not known for his intellectual prowess, but even he must be aware by now that the operating procedures of the Security Council differ slightly from those of his own Revolutionary Command Council of scared political mice. White House spokesman P.J. Crowley put it another way, suggesting that Saddam has been watching too many episodes of Star Trek and "believes the Security Council can just beam him from noncompliance to compliance" with UN resolutions.

The UN inspection team has a simple schedule to close the yawning gaps and answer the unanswered questions remaining in Iraq's weapons program. The sooner these could be closed, the sooner the UN could start easing sanctions.

There is, of course, no sign that Saddam subscribes to this simple logic. It seems that contrived confrontation time has arrived again, as was long expected and wearily predicted. Though this be Saddam's madness, there may indeed be method in it, and a reminder for the West that weakness and compromise do not lead to permanent peace of mind, but to more trouble down the road.

The last Iraq-engineered crisis was in February and, apart from the usual phoney gas-mask panic here, it fizzled out inconclusively. What Saddam did achieve was a sounding out of US standing in the Middle East. It wasn't much of a sound – among the Arab states, only Kuwait retained any semblance of loyalty to the ideals of the Gulf War coalition.

The US went into the crisis high profile, and exited low slung as UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan brokered a face-saving agreement for all concerned. There is little indication, despite the ritual incantations of Washington spokespersons, that the US is prepared to take any high road in confronting Iraq this time. Saddam has no doubt concluded that the West's will for new deployments in the Gulf and new war is all but eroded.

He may be right, but in that lies the danger that he might miscalculate his next move as he did in 1990 when he invaded Kuwait. If an overconfident Saddam now decides he can simply expel UNSCOM (the UN special commission), he might wake up a greater reaction than he anticipated and another full-blown Iraq crisis will be on the cards again.

Somehow, the international community must find a way to break this cycle of Saddam calling the shots and the West paying the price in terms of military alerts, Middle East tensions and diplomatic chaos. It may be possible that UNSCOM's days are almost numbered, but that is for the Security Council to decide, not Saddam. It is imperative that once the inspections draw to a close, some other mechanism should be ready to monitor Saddam's inevitable return to building a new arsenal of missiles, chemicals and lethal microbes.

Annan continues to believe his negotiated February agreement with Baghdad, ensuring unimpeded access to UN weapons inspectors, has worked well. It worked until it stopped working, and again it was Iraq that set the agenda. It may be somewhat naive of Annan to say there is "not necessarily" a new crisis and that the angry outburst of Aziz to Butler is a hiccup.

But it is equally naive of the US government to continue believing that it can drag out the sanctions on Iraq indefinitely while Saddam remains in power. Despite Washington's avowed aim to help Iraqi opponents overthrow the rotten Tikriti regime in Baghdad, it has failed utterly to come anywhere near achieving this aim. One can only wish Iraqis had an opposition movement a fraction as efficient as the Talebans, who have appeared from nowhere and conquered Afghanistan.

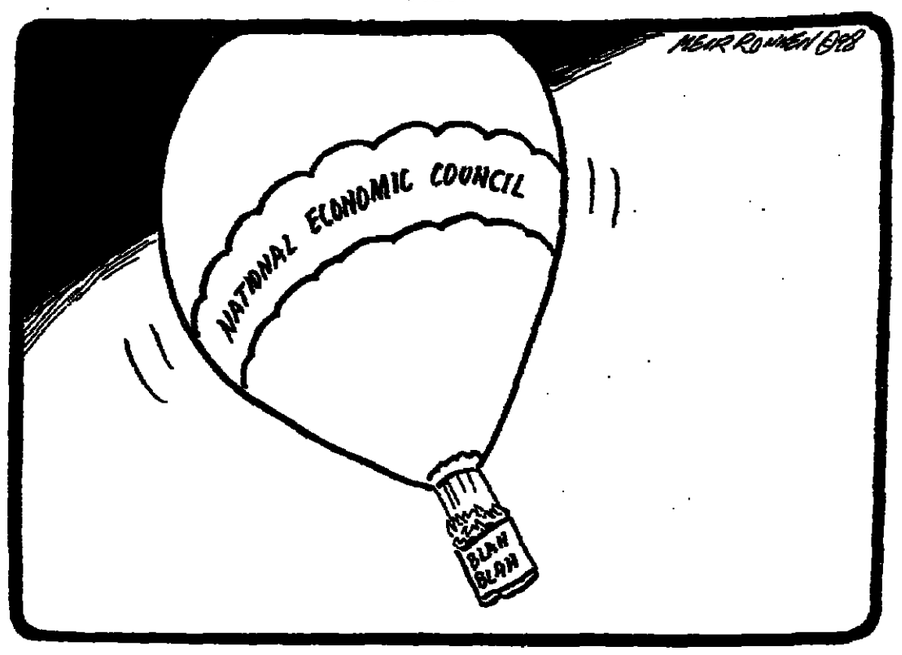
Periodically, Washington issues pledges to fully support plans by Iraqi opposition parties plans to overthrow Saddam, as if this were a new initiative. Only a week ago, the chief official for Near East Affairs, Martin Indyk, told the House International Relations Committee that the government "will encourage a united opposition with the shared goals of fostering a pluralistic post-dictatorship Iraq ... in the first instance, money will go to developing the opposition's basic organizational skills."

If the opposition hasn't managed to acquire some basic organizational skills in the last seven years, it seems more money would be the least of its problems.

Asked for some forecast as to when the alleged overthrow of the dictator might occur, Indyk could only waffle that "if and when he goes, it's likely to be sudden and unexpected."

In the meantime, while Saddam stays, thanks to a bungled end to the Gulf War and ineffectual resistance movements ever since, all Indyk and the rest of us can be certain of is more crises, more menace and more unanswered questions about Iraq's chemical and biological threat.

Hot Air



Racist nerve

DAVID KIMCHE

The Ori Orr imbroglio hurt because it exposed a raw nerve in Israel's society. The nerve is there, just below the surface, in the dark yet alive and active, coursing through our body politic, accepted and ignored. Ignored, that is, until it is exposed to the sunlight. Then it hurts.

And that is what happened last week when Ori Orr gave his inane and infuriating interview in which, deliberately or not, he insulted a large segment of Israel's society. The name of that nerve is racism.

Racism? We, the Jews, the ultimate victims of racism, are racist? Impossible. The mind boggles at the very idea.

And yet, how many readers can honestly say what Arieh Camron wrote in his readers' letter to *The Jerusalem Post* last Friday; "In my dealings with my fellow men, I don't examine origins, color of skin or other differences. I judge a person as I see him."

This laudable all-embracing statement, presumably, includes Camron's attitude not only to his fellow Jews from Morocco, Iraq, India, Ethiopia or wherever, but to his fellow men (and, hopefully women) whatever their origin, including our Arab neighbors.

For, after all, if we accept the idea that denigrating or branding an entire community is revolting – is, indeed, racist – which was the accusation levelled against Ori Orr, then we must follow that idea to its logical conclusion.

It applies not only to the various communities within the Jewish society in Israel, but equally also to our attitudes to the Arabs. Every phrase beginning with the words "All Arabs are..." is usually racist.

I would like to believe that, by and large, we live in an enlightened society, that Arieh Camron is no exception to the rule but, on the contrary, was a spokesman for the majority of our people. Indeed, we Jews should be the last people on the face of this earth who should harbor any racist thoughts.

THERE are, no doubt, many among us who differentiate between sweeping, all-embracing pervasive statements against other Jewish communities – which they rightly condemn – and between similar,

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sweeping negative, utterances against non-Jewish communities, in particular against the Arabs.

After all, they will say, the Arabs are our enemies who, time and again sought to throw us into the sea and destroy our fledgling state.

The Arab countries have, indeed, been our enemies. There are, however, a million Arabs living in this country, Israeli citizens deserving equal rights, whether we like it or not.

Moreover, we have made peace with Egypt, the most populous and most important of all the Arab countries, and with Jordan, the country with the longest common frontier with us. And, more to the point, we have initiated a process, begun five years ago, designed to end enmity with our Palestinian neighbors and with the entire Arab world and replace it with peace.

Our biggest enemy today is no longer the Arabs. It is the hatred within ourselves – and not less so, within the Arab world – which is stifling every effort to achieve real peace.

Hatred, bigotry, racism, stereotypes and sheer ignorance of each other are still very much alive in both camps, the product of a half-century or more of hostility and warfare. Unfortunately, hardly anything is being done to overpower this enemy.

There is, instead, a self-fulfilling prophecy at work which is undermining our aspirations for peace. The more we say "the Arab are our enemies; we can't make peace with them," the less chance we have of coming to terms with them. The more we turn our backs to the Middle East, the more we will be rejected by the people who live in its midst.

Five years ago, we began a slow and painful task of trying to build a bridge of understanding and trust over the chasm of hatred that divide Arab and Israeli. Despite the enormity of the task, we made headway. Arab countries – Morocco, Tunisia, Oman, Qatar – received Israeli diplomats or sent diplomats to Israel to join the Egyptian and Jordanians already here.

Other Arab countries and their leaders welcomed Israeli emissaries and quietly, without fanfare, allowed their citizens to visit Israel. Palestinians and Israelis began cooperating in many more fields than is generally realized. An effort was made on both sides of the fence to defeat racist prejudices, to overcome the hatred which had been so prevalent.

The work on that bridge of understanding has stopped. The chasm of hatred has grown wider, deeper. If we want a healthy society, that work must be renewed, for hatred, bigotry and racism go hand in hand. One feeds on the other. The shouts "Death to the Arabs" and slurs against Oriental Jews are both facets of a sickness that must be purged from our midst.

Maybe Ori Orr did a service by exposing that raw nerve to the light of day. And maybe the uproar that his words caused demonstrate that Arieh Camron does, after all, express the thoughts of a large segment of our population.

A good word for gossip

RUTHIE BLUM

Last week, as Tisha Be'av approached, hoards of religious women convened in Jerusalem to reconfirm their dedication to gossip-free speech. The sin of *lashon hara* (wicked tongue-wagging), targeted by Jewish sages as a contributing factor in the fall of the Second Temple, was given a whopping 40 lashes for its dangerous hold on all of us – a hold, we are told, which continues to shake the foundations of our nation.

Anyone skimming the newspapers lately would have to agree that there is something to this. When attorney Pninat Yanai played a double role as Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp in the Manbar case – which led to the Strashnov Affair – she made us realize the feebleness of the lethal weapons Manbar sold in comparison to her own, and those of the press.

When the ousting of Geula Even from the evening news by prodigal son Haim Yavin was announced, the ensuing speculation about the maneuver sent ripples of curiosity throughout the country which would have put the tides of the Mediterranean to shame.

And when Ori Orr let his mouth get the better of him in relation to the Sephardim, he set off a barrage of counter tongue-lashing the likes of which could topple a temple or two in no time.

Having said this, however, I feel I owe it to honesty to put in a good word for gossip. As an activity in which I regularly engage, gossiping is something to which I have given considerable thought. And, as I tend to examine what are commonly considered to be the negative aspects of human behavior with more compassion than contempt, I have

The practice of gossiping has been given an unduly bad rap

come to the conclusion that the practice of talking about other people has been given an unduly bad rap.

If gossip served no purpose other than to spread *sinat hinam* (the baseless hatred which is said to have led to the destruction of the Second Temple), very few people would be so keen on spreading or listening to it. After all, some of the most proficient at the act – myself included – have a lot less ill will than will power. And most gossips – myself included – are just as happy to spread good tidings as to sling mud.

So why do we hunger for it? Why is gossip so powerful an enticement as to inspire annual conventions to reiterate a renunciation of it?

TO answer, one need only imagine the world without it. The first thing to be abolished, of course, would be the media. And though initially this prospect sounds tempting, its implementation would put many of us out of work, and the rest of us out of touch.

The second thing to go would be biographies. No longer would Napoleon and Josephine's lives – nor Freud's, nor Herzl's – be accessible to us. And though this may not sound like such a great loss, its absence would put a lid on the opportunity to get a glimpse of the behind-the-scenes workings of the world in which we live. Novels, too, would have to be chucked, since any resemblance between the characters and real people would be a definite no-no where *lashon hara* is concerned.

Office banter would be reduced to the exchange of work-related "bytes" of information. Friendships would be devoid of intimacy, as they would not be formed on the basis of common denominators. Relating one's own personal weaknesses would go by the wayside, too, as the absence of evidence about comparable behavior in others would cause us to clam up for good.

Indeed, gossiping is the way in which we make sense of the world around us. More importantly, it is the way we make sense of ourselves. Without it, our concept of humanity – and hence, our ability to empathize – would be severely limited.

Instead of doing away with all forms of tongue-wagging, then, we would do better to use it not to sharpen our swords, but to heighten our awareness of our own fallibility.

Doing so might not lead to the rebuilding of the Temple, but it could do wonders to steady the unsettling rumbling going on below the surface of our society.

Ethnic diversity

DAVID NEWMAN

Ori Orr's comments, and the debate which followed, served to remind us just how much Israeli society continues to display an amazing lack of tolerance for the Other.

Although Orr's remarks swept us back to the old days of Ashkenazi Labor Party paternalism, it is not the Labor Party which represents the obstacle to continued ethnic fragmentation.

There is a new ethnic battle looming on the horizon which poses a threat to the recent slow and arduous process of Mizrahi empowerment. As we approach this November's municipal elections, there is a new force emerging, especially in the development towns, looking to attain positions of power at the expense of the Mizrahi population.

The Russian immigrants who, in many cases, account for over 30 percent of the total population of these towns, are preparing to compete for power.

Spurred on by the success of the Russian immigrants' party (the true description of Yisrael Ba'aliyah) in the last elections, they are organizing their own political lists, or alternately allowing themselves to be co-opted into safe places on the existing Likud/Labor party lists.

If, and when, they succeed in attaining positions of power, it will be the established population of these towns, the Mizrahi – largely North African – population who will once again cry out against what they see as a new form of European discrimination.

RELATIONS between newly arrived Russian immigrants and second-generation North African immigrants have been difficult and tense in most development towns. As unemployment grows, so the North African population sees the Russians as competing for scarce jobs and, at the same time, receiving benefits and immigration perks which their community did not enjoy 40 years ago.

For their part, the Russians have been very dismissive of the North African communities, their customs and their non-European culture. They believe that many of the development town problems are a result of inefficient manage-

Orr's comments have shifted attention away from the next generation of Israel's ethnic problems: between the Moroccan and the Russian communities

ment on the part of local leaders and that they, the Russians, could do a much better job of it.

They are not interested in the stories – the true ones and the myths – of anti-Moroccan discrimination on the part of the Ashkenazi elite. Culturally, the Russians identify with the latter and see themselves as eventually moving up the social ladder and taking their place amongst the country's ruling classes.

For example, despite Orr's comments and their clear racist undertones, not a single comment has been heard from Yisrael Ba'aliya, Natan Sharansky, its leader and former fighter for human rights and equality, has been conspicuously silent.

Indeed Sharansky – who suffered for his support of minority rights and his desire to attain equality for all in his previous life as a prisoner in the Soviet penal system – is the person responsible for setting up the first blatant European sectoral party in Israel's history. He is the person who is prepared to deny equality of political rights for Palestinians and who has absolutely nothing to say on behalf of the large Moroccan population in Israel.

Sharansky represents the general attitudes of the large Russian immigrant population as a whole. While we may be proud of Israel's physical ability to absorb hundreds of thousands of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, we appear to have learned nothing from the failed experience of cultural and social absorption in the past.

Ethnic tensions and feelings of discrimination continue to take place 50 years into the state's existence precisely because multiculturalism has never been promoted as an alternative policy to that of a single, state ethos, an ethos which has demanded some form of artificial integration of the diverse mosaic of Israel's (Jewish) cultural groups into a single "Israeli" entity.

While the Moroccans have suffered past discrimination in the search for this unattainable entity, the Russians today do not feel part of it. Each sees the Other as threatening its own pursuit of the scarce resources that the state has to offer.

And as neither see the Other as constituting part of the same collective cause, they continue to represent two diverse and contrasting cultures. What we are witnessing at present is just the tip of the iceberg – an iceberg whose broad base will be increasingly revealed in the run up to the forthcoming municipal elections.

These are the seeds of the next generation of intra-ethnic tensions in Israel's heterogeneous society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NECESSARY VIGILANCE

Sir, – I'm not so sure that antisemitism in the United States is as inconsequential as Jonathan Rosenblum would have us believe – "Antisemitism without antisemites," (July 3).

It is certainly true that, at the moment, the biggest enemy the Jewish people faces is intermarriage and the resultant loss it represents, but to marginalize antisemitism is simply unrealistic.

The Internet sprouts hundreds of sites that spew antisemitism to all those interested. What impact this has or will have on the general American population has yet to be analyzed.

The largest Protestant denomination in the United States, the Southern Baptists, has incorporated the proselytizing of Jews within its agenda. What effect this has had has also, as yet, not been determined.

The messianic Jewish converts are equally dedicated to our disappearance.

In addition, we have the Nation Of Islam's Jew baiting and the free dispensing of such antisemitic literature as *The Protocols Of The Elders Of Zion*.

Militant left-wing organizations, particularly on college campuses, in their pro-Palestinian posture, indulge in anti-Jewish rhetoric.

As Rosenblum aptly points out, Poland which is practically "Judenrein," continues in its antisemitic rantings so do other nations with virtually no Jews in their midst, such as the Czech Republic and Japan. They, too, persist in this paranoia.

If the virus exists where there are no Jews, how does and will it play itself out where Jews are prominent politically, socially as well as economically?

It certainly behooves us to stem the intermarriage rate but at the same time awareness of our other enemies is not victimology; it is simply vigilance.

JUDITH HIRSCH
Boca Raton, Fl.

CASE FOR THE COMPTROLLER

Sir, – I read with both horror and amazement at the treatment meted out to Shlomo Feldman by the Jerusalem police, as described in his letter "Keystone cops" (August 3).

From the way the police responded to Feldman's telephone call, one can only assume that even if one were to witness a murder, the witness would first need to go to the nearest police station to make a statement before the police would take any action.

Is this type of neglect of their public duty written into some kind of rule book, or is the decision on how to act in any given circumstance left to the so-called initiative of the individual police officer?

I suggest this is something the new state comptroller could well investigate.

NEIL LYONS
Herzliya.

JEWISH TRADITION

Sir, – It always amazes me that people who reject Judaism and dismiss 3,000 years of Jewish tradition as "paganism," are the most eager to give advice on tradition and Jewish values.

The most recent example of this can be found in Yosef Goell's article "Main lesson" (August 3).

You and I, Mr. Goell, are living in Israel today because of that tradition, and not because of your eloquently espoused rejection of Jewish tradition.

CHAIM SPRING
Ginot Shomron.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 5, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Israel had charged Britain with non-neutrality in the Palestine war and had refused to permit their five British-manned planes to fly over Israel's territory.

Mortar and gun fire was again used with increased intensity by Arabs in a direct violation of Jerusalem's cease-fire. King Abdullah of Jordan announced that he was ready to discuss any compromise for a peaceful solution in order to prevent the unnecessary bloodshed.

25 years ago: On August 5, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Israel Lands Administration continued to buy land from Arabs in the administered areas. Maj.-Gen. (Res). Meir Zorea, Director of the Lands Administration, explained that land was being acquired either by exchanging tracts or through a direct purchase and this was a long-drawn process.

Alexander Zvielli

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Travels with an eager beaver



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Hamish'ala Hakesuma (The Magic Wish), two original CD-ROMs in Hebrew from the Kesem Hatut 2 series, produced by Scops/Makhshevet, for ages five and up, NIS 149.
Rating: ★★★★☆

Part II, a CD-ROM in English and Hebrew, by the Center for Educational Technology (CET) in Ramat Aviv and Odyssey Interactive Media, for ages seven to 12, sold by The Jerusalem Post Book Department and other outlets, NIS 299
Rating: ★★★★★

Children who are dissatisfied with their appearance or their lives will identify with Ben, a hard-working young beaver who wants a "normal" set of teeth, not the forever-growing incisors that all rodents have to gnaw on wood and other materials. The star of this adventure program – suitable for kids from kindergarten through third or fourth grade – is transformed temporarily into a different-looking creature that plunges into the sea and seeks new teeth.

The amiable, likable Ben goes on a long odyssey, traveling through the oceans, an enchanted forest, a river, an undersea tunnel, a lost city and the "eternal children's kingdom," and finally reaches his conclusion about whether he should be a beaver or not.

He takes the user to 50 different scenes, all three-dimensional and beautifully produced, with 80 imaginatively animated characters that seem to come from another world. Ben helps and interacts with many of the characters with the user's help, he plays tennis with an octopus (who, of course, has a decided advantage when he lobs the ball towards Ben), prevents bubbles produced by fish from exploding on the spiky backs of sea anemones, arranges different-sized fish in the correct order so each can swallow the next smallest, and puts a sea monster to sleep by hitting a sensitive red spot on his belly.

These and other activities are fun, but users must also use their intuition and logic to pick up (by clicking) a large variety of objects, such as plankton, a metal rod or coral, to carry out various assignments along the way. Since there are so many different locations, users must develop navigational ability and learn how to reach the tunnel opening, for example, by first getting to the seahorses' palace. A printed color map showing all the locations that's included in the box is very helpful.

The odyssey is accompanied by very pleasant and restful original music – not the usual racket on most kids' adventure disks – whose volume can be raised or lowered with a click of the mouse. Users improve their eye-hand coordination, color-matching abilities, visual memory and logic skills.

The one annoying thing is that the program, because of its byte-heavy 3-D animation, comes on two separate disks; although users don't have to know how to read to use the program, when they move to certain sections of the map, they're presented with a written message on the screen with instructions to switch the disk in the CD-ROM drive.

Depending on one's course, the user may have to switch disks several times before ending the game. Such a task may be beyond five-year-olds, and it's a nuisance even for older children. Although the disk's opening scene, describing Ben's yearnings for a different set of teeth and his encounter with a pair of flying fairies who promise to help him, is beautifully done, it uses up a lot of memory and should have been dispensed with altogether if the rest of the game could have been put on one disk.

Yesh Li Sod – Ani Koreh Anglit! (I Have a Secret: I Read English!)

You can never have too much of a good thing, if it's a program for teaching youngsters English without their being aware of the fact that they're learning. This disk, a natural continuation of the first *I Have a Secret: I Read English* CD-ROM, is as enjoyable and professionally produced as the original. It's based on the same pedagogical concept – introducing new sounds, words and phrases in digestible bites suited to the limited attention span of TV-watching kids, using eye-catching animation and sound.

Oddly, the first disk was designated by the non-profit CET for ages six to 11, while the second part is for ages seven to 12. Its experts explain that when it comes to teaching English, it's very difficult to specify separate age groups. Some kids, they say, start learning English before the Education Ministry's curriculum allows it in grade 3, while others hear some English conversation at home or learn from TV or computer software. Undoubtedly, it's preferable for users of Part II to be graduates of Part I, but this isn't mandatory.

As with Part I, each user types in his or her name, producing a personalized album; whenever that user returns to the program, he or she is brought directly to the unit left the last time. The opening screen presents a friendly looking moose, squirrel, owl, bear and raccoon, who introduce themselves. A Hebrew voice-over translates words and phrases, while a parrot in one corner of the screen can always be clicked to provide online help and explanations of what needs to be done.

A very systematic, structured yet fun disk, Part II gives users self-confidence in the language, presenting the material in a natural way in the form of songs, stories, hints and instructions, without forcing them to memorize letters and words. While the first disk features sounds and simple words, Part II promotes understanding of more complex words and sentences. There are 10 separate chapters in the program, each with six study lessons that should best be studied in sequence.

After each lesson, there's a reward: the child is offered three games, each at three levels of difficulty. For example, a word is flashed for a split second; the child must pick out the correct word from among three below. If the right word is chosen, a friendly clown plops down into a vat of water. Or play Simon Says, using four words shown in a circle: they are sounded in a sequence, and the chain of words is gradually lengthened; the child has to click the words in the correct sequence without an error. Or a series of cards must be clicked to make matches, but instead of pictures, there are words sounded out that must be paired by aural memory.

At the end of each chapter, a short story using the words learned is presented, sentence by sentence. When the exercises are finished, the child is told: "I can actually read and speak English" at the end. Those who have a microphone attached to their computer can easily record their voices saying words and sentences; an icon can be clicked again and again to hear the original.

Once the child has gone thoroughly through Part II, he or she should could graduate to CET's more advanced English software, such as *English For You*, Parts I and II, or *Getting Into Reading*, Parts I, II and III. But I would be happy to see yet another piece of software in the *I Have a Secret: I Read English* series.

From King David to Clinton



By Ruth Mason



How do you tell children about infidelity, gossip and stained dresses? Beyond Scandal, The Parents' Guide to Sex, Lies and Leadership offers guidelines and draws parallels between the US president's situation and King David's.

Sex, lies and audiotapes are once again monopolizing newspaper headlines, CNN news coverage and even some Shabbat dinner conversations.

The accusations of sexual misconduct and lying aimed at no less than the leader of the free world threaten to undermine those values we try hard to instill in our children. We can't keep our kids in the dark, but we don't want them to grow up cynical or with a blanket mistrust of leaders. What is a parent to do?

Yosef I. Abramowitz, editor of the newly published *Beyond Scandal, The Parents' Guide to Sex, Lies and Leadership* (JFL Books, Newton, Massachusetts) and founder of the Internet Web site jewishfamily.com, talked to the Parenting Column during his summer stay in Israel. The book, written by psychologists, religious leaders and journalists, contains chapters such as "When Role Models Fail"; "Is Truth Always the Right Thing?" "'Dirty' Jokes and Other Bad Language"; and "Talking to Kids About Sin and Repentance."

Abramowitz sees the current crisis as a learning opportunity.

Parents, he says, can actually use the news to teach their children valuable lessons about sex, honesty, friendship, gossip and more. But because the scandal raises uncomfortable issues, parents, educators and even rabbis tend to shy away from them, Abramowitz says.

In such a moral vacuum our children may learn negative lessons: That lying is acceptable; that friendship can be exploitative; that gossip is a legitimate social and political weapon; that breaking rules can sometimes increase your popularity; and, most dangerous in Abramowitz's eyes – especially for the Jewish community – that religion has nothing to say about important moral issues.

Failure to respond thoughtfully will lead to the internalization of these lessons, Abramowitz maintains.

Beyond Scandal was written to fill the vacuum. Although not aimed specifically at a Jewish audience, it contains a wealth of Jewish sources on all the issues brought up by the Lewinsky affair.

"It's important to acknowledge what's going on because our children are hearing about it on the news, from friends, on the Internet," Abramowitz says. "The story brings up great questions and discussion topics: how hard it is to live a moral life; what to do when there are conflicting values; what to do when there is failure; the role of gossip in every day life."

The story of David and Bathsheba comes up several times in the readable 127-page volume. Abramowitz draws parallels with Clinton's situation and asks where Nathan the prophet is today.

In the biblical story, King David wants to possess the beautiful Bathsheba, so he sends her husband into a battle to be killed. Nathan the prophet gets the king to acknowledge that what he did was wrong and repent. King David is punished, but remains in power and goes down in history as one of the greatest Jewish leaders, despite what Abramowitz calls his "biblical zipper problem."

When your children ask you what the Clinton scandal is all about, the book suggests saying something like: "Some people are saying that ... President (Clinton) spent private time with a woman who was not his wife. And they are also saying that he and his friends tried to tell her to lie, to pretend like it didn't happen."

Be sure to point out that we don't really know what happened, and that it's important not to pre-judge.

It might also be helpful to point out that being honest is difficult for everyone. Traditional Jews who recite the *Amida* ask three times a day for help in "guarding ... my lips from speaking lies."

Unfortunately, there are few black-and-white rules to guide us. How do we deal with the grays in life – i.e. the value of telling the truth vs. protecting human dignity? As opposed to the Christian perspective, there are very few absolutes in Judaism, Abramowitz says.

"It's important to share our moral quandaries and ambivalence with our children and demonstrate to them how we work things out," he says.

And then there is the notion of the white lie.

The Talmud contains a lengthy debate about whether or not to compliment a homely bride on her wedding day. The rabbis conclude that the joy of the bride is of utmost importance and that it is appropriate to praise the beauty of even the plainest bride.

The books contains sections on *teshuva* and how to talk to your children about sin and repentance. The Hebrew word *het*, translated as sin, is actually an archery term for a misshot, writes journalist Ann Moline. It implies missing the mark, missing an opportunity to act righteously.

Another, more serious category of sin is an *avera*, a conscious crossing of the line dividing appropriate from inappropriate behavior. And an *avon*, the most serious of all, is an abomination such as idolatry or murder.

All sins, Moline writes, represent a distancing from God. In Judaism, atonement is an action, rather than a state of being. It involves "turning back from the distancing," or *teshuva*. And if the "sin" is committed against another, it is not enough to apologize; the apology must be accompanied by a conscious change in behavior.

Very young children won't be able to understand all this, but you can discuss with them the importance of "sharing, being kind to family and friends and the notion that we all make mistakes," Moline writes. "We all have the opportunity to choose between right and wrong, and sometimes even adults make the wrong choice."

She writes of the beauty and value of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and the 10 days of repentance in between – a time when all of us, no matter how young or old, can think about the ways in which we want to be better people.

"Who is mighty?" our sages ask. "One who conquers his evil inclination." *Beyond Scandal* will be carried by Barnes and Nobles beginning September and can also be ordered through www.jflbooks.com on the Internet.

Married people say they're happier

By MARY JO KOCHAKIAN

This may comfort you a tiny bit next time you're wishing your spouse would evaporate: If you're married, chances are you're better off for it. The probability of being happy is much higher than if you're living with someone or unattached.

A paper in the *Journal of Marriage and the Family* looks at the happiness of people in 17 industrialized countries, with data on 18,000 adults. The married people are the best off.

"Not all married people are all that happy. It's just that if you look at a large sample of people there's a tendency for people who are married to report more 'global happiness' than ones who are cohabiting or ones who are unattached," said sociologist Steven Stack of Wayne State University.

Married people, in fact, were more than three times more likely to report being happy than people just living together, and marriage increased happiness equally for men and women.

"The strength of the association between being married and being happy is remarkably consistent across nations," the paper says.

"Global happiness" measures how happy people said they were in response to the question: Taken all things together, would you say you are not at all happy, not very happy, quite happy or very happy?

Global happiness is not the same as "marital happiness," a measure of how satisfied people are with their particular relationship.

It could be, Stack notes, that happier people get married "because people who are happier ... take the risk and are more attractive on the mate selection market."

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"Curiously, cohabitants reported less financial satisfaction than single people, and less good health than single people," Stack says. "So the association goes the other way. ... You would think that cohabitants would be happier. You would think they would be pooling incomes, and therefore be more satisfied. You might think they might look out for each other's health and have a better diet.

And maybe they do, but for one reason or another, they aren't as financially satisfied, and they don't perceive themselves to be healthier compared to single people."

Rutgers University sociologist David Popenoe has no hesitation interpreting the findings.

"It pretty much validates on a global scale what we find from American studies – that marriage has these surprisingly good effects, but cohabiting doesn't," Popenoe says.

The good effects include happiness, good health, feelings of well being and "positive feelings about life."

"One of the reasons is married people tend to have a higher income, and the other is, I'm quite sure, that married people in general tend to have a personal security that others don't have, and an intimate tie to someone close – and that, of course, is what is lacking in cohabiting relationships," Popenoe says.

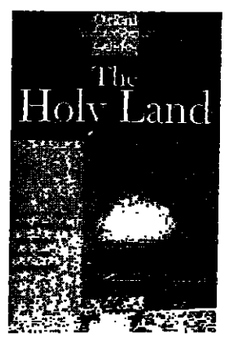
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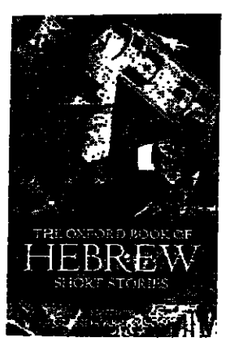
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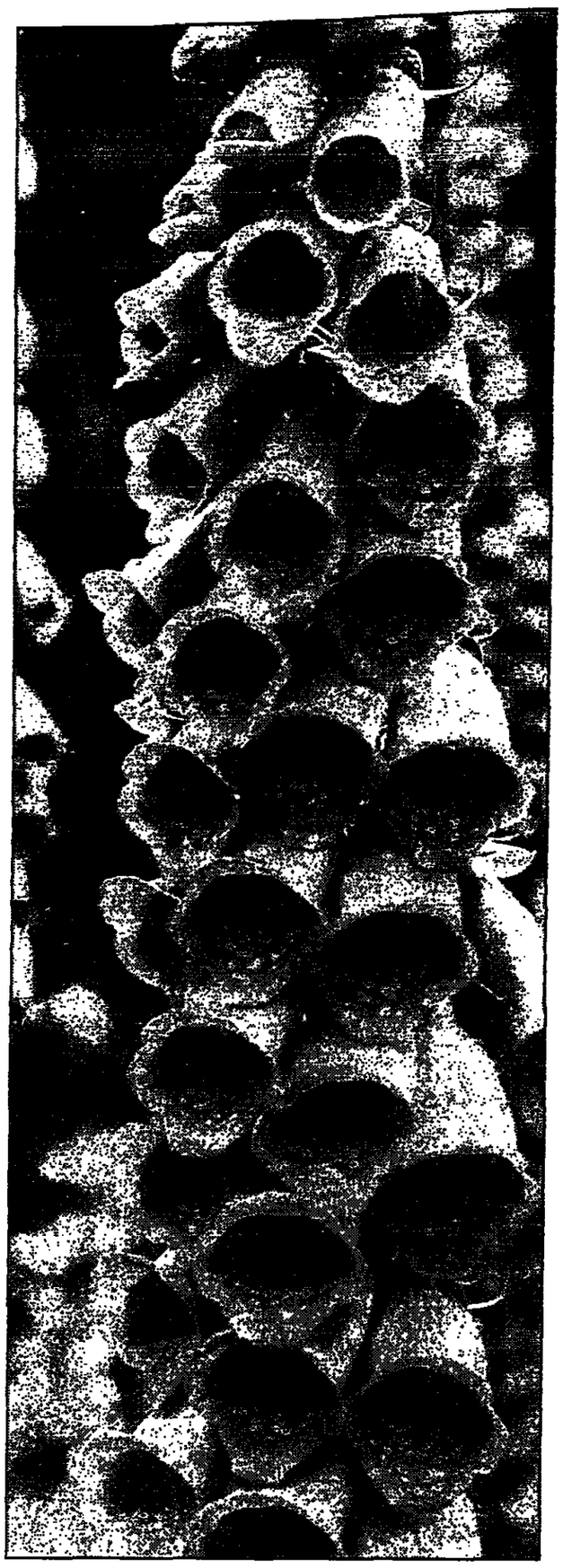


English nobility in the form of a glove

By Batsheva Mink



Few native English plants are as tall and graceful as the foxglove. Each stem bears hundreds of bell-shaped flowers that appear in late spring.



My first encounter with foxgloves was many years ago while wandering through English woodland. There I came across a colony of wild foxgloves basking in the dappled sunlight underneath the trees. Few native English plants are so tall and graceful.

One of the foxglove's greatest charms is that it will grow almost anywhere – in the sun, partial shade or in a shady nook. Once introduced to a garden, the foxglove can usually be relied on to seed freely: self-sown seedlings come up year after year as a single foxglove plant provides from one to two million seeds.

Cultivated in Europe since the 15th century, foxgloves were one of the most important medicinal discoveries of the 18th century.

English physician and botanist Dr. William Withering (1741-1799), who was responsible for the find, actually stumbled onto it by mistake. En route from Birmingham to Stafford in 1775, Withering stopped to change horses. There, he was asked to examine a woman who was suffering from an advanced state of edema (dropsy). He offered little hope and said he expected her to die shortly.

Weeks later, Withering was surprised to hear that the woman had fully recovered. He visited her again and heard that she had been drinking a herbal tea made out of foxglove.

He investigated further and found that the plant yielded an active ingredient called digitalis, which increases the force of heart contractions and is beneficial to those suffering from congestive heart failure.

In 1785, Withering published *An Account of the Foxglove*, which thrust the foxglove into the forefront of heart treatments that are still used today.

Digitalis is a genus of about 30 species of hardy biennial and perennial plants native mainly to Europe and North Africa. It is a member of the same family as the *Antirrhinum* (*Scrophulariaceae*, Heb. *etzbonit*).

The Latin name, *digitalis*, refers to the flowers' shape which is reminiscent of fingers or digits. It has nothing to do with foxes: it obtained its name through the corruption of the word "folks." It was thought that fairy folk used the flowers as gloves – *folkesglove* is one of its oldest names and it is mentioned as such in a list of plants dating to the time of Edward III.

All foxglove plants are highly poisonous. They contain an alkaloid, a strong heart stimulant that is a beneficial drug in small quantities. However, if any part of the plant is eaten, the results could be fatal.

This should not put you off growing foxgloves. There are many other plants in our gardens which are equally dangerous if eaten (e.g. narcissus, oleander and privet).

Foxglove leaves are slightly hairy and grow in a rosette form. The stems are tall, erect, and noble-looking, reaching a height of 1.9 meters. Each stem bears hundreds of bell-shaped flowers that appear late in springtime and range in color from purple and pink to spotted whites. The wild variety has flowers on only one side of the stem.

Bees love foxglovesand it is fascinating to watch them push their way up flower after flower. .

Even though the foxgloves are tall, they do not have to be relegated to the back of the garden. Plants of an emphatic, upright disposition such as foxgloves can be massed at intervals along the garden's border to draw the eye upward.

The foxglove is normally a short-lived perennial. To extend its life, the stems should be removed after they bear flowers for about six weeks. To obtain continued flowering throughout the spring, you can always plant a few bulbs between the plants. If you do not have a garden you still can enjoy growing foxgloves in large pots.

Here are some guidelines to growing foxgloves:

Cultivation

Foxgloves can be grown from seed. The seeds are very fine, so mix them with a little sand before sowing. Cover them very lightly with soil and keep moist. Sow in August or September to have plants ready for planting out in November. Alternatively, they can be sown where they are to flower and thinned out as they develop. It is also possible to buy plants from a garden center. These are usually available from September until February.

Light

Unlike many other perennials, foxgloves don't mind sun or shade. I find the flowers last longer if planted near deciduous trees. This way they can enjoy full light in the winter when the trees are dormant. Then, just as they come into flower in late spring, they are protected from the full harsh rays of the sun by the leaves of the trees.

Soil

They like a rich moist soil that is free draining. If your soil has compacted down it may be necessary to fork it over adding plenty of organic matter in the form of compost.

Propagation

It is possible to obtain plants by division in the early autumn.

Winter treatment

Keep plants weed free. Cultivate the soil and add a little compost around the plants about one month before flowering commences.

Pest and Diseases

Generally trouble free.

Batsheva Mink is a curator of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, Hebrew University, Givat Ram.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039

TIP OF THE WEEK

Foxgloves occupy the ground for a long period of time. Therefore it is a good idea to plant a few early flowering spring bulbs, such as daffodils or hyacinths, between them.



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Heads 'N' Tails



By D'vora Ben Shaul

A summer scrub: More than just relief



We humans are not the only ones to suffer in the summer heat. Our pets also have a hard time of it and there are ways we can make their lives more comfortable.

Now that the real heat of summer is upon us, pet owners must be especially conscious of the needs of their animals.

It is time to groom pets regularly, and not only because of ecto-parasites such as ticks and fleas. Seeds from dried-out weeds and grasses can attach themselves to the pelts of animals and cause serious problems.

The seeds are less of a problem for cats because they do a pretty good job of removing the seeds by themselves, but even cats need a hand now and then, especially when the burr or seed is in an unreachable place.

Dogs are more easily harmed, especially those with long sweeping ears such as cocker spaniels and many of the hunting breeds. Grass seeds that attach to fur on the ears often manage to get inside the ear – a recipe for real trouble.

The seeds of many grasses are designed to actually burrow into the soil with small scales or spicules along their awns. This means that the seed can only move freely in one direction.

When such a seed gets into a dog's ear it keeps moving along – often reaching the middle and sometimes even the inner ear. When this happens it is usually necessary for a veterinarian with an otoscope to remove the seed. Sometimes the dog even has to be anesthetized to perform the procedure. Serious infections often result and some can be fatal.

Always groom dogs as soon as they come in from a grassy or weedy area. Remove all burrs and grass seeds from the pelt, paying special attention to the ears. A grass seed at the edge of the ear can be deep inside and out of sight in only a few hours.

Watch the dog (or cat) for signs of a foreign body in the ear, usually manifested by a pawing at the ear, a cocking of the head with the bothersome ear on the down side and a repeated shaking of the head and ears. These kinds of behaviors almost always mean either a foreign body or an ear infection, both of which need immediate attention.

Groom your dog regularly and remove any felted fur tags. If these cannot be brushed out, then clip them off. These tags impact next to the skin and cause sores called "hot spots."

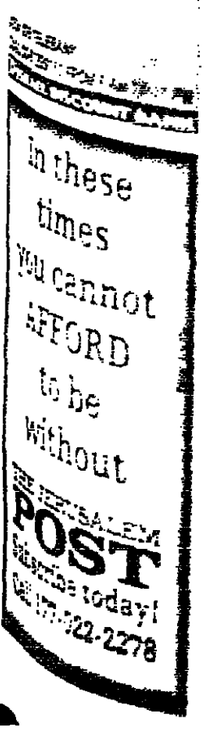
And now is the time for the dog's summer bath. Choose a day when the temperature is well into the 30s. If the dog is prone to snarled and tangled fur, use a good conditioner after the bath. For dogs that enjoy it, and many do, a rinse with clear water from the hose is a good way to cool off, although my dogs have always preferred jumping into my fishpond or chasing the stream of the water sprinkler around the yard.

Make sure that animals have plenty of fresh water to drink at all times. If you travel with a dog, take a water dish along to offer fresh water when you stop.

And remember, never leave a dog in the car in the summer, not even for a short time. Many dogs die every year from being left in parked vehicles.

Don't yield to the temptation to clip off a dog's fur in order to "keep it cool." Dogs do not sweat through the skin and clipping actually makes them hotter since their insulation against the heat is gone.

Give them plenty of water and a shady area to be in and they will be much better off.

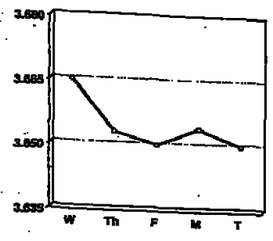


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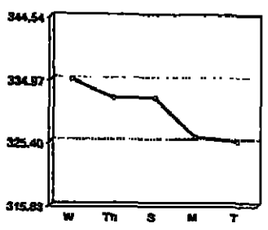
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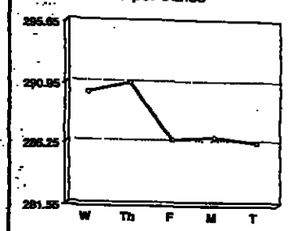
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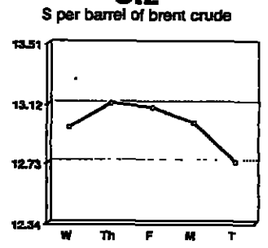
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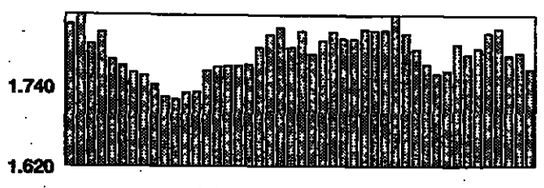
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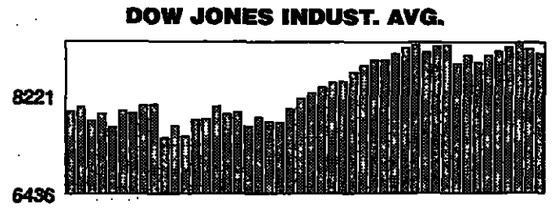


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41% of complaints against banks justified

Forty-one percent of the complaints filed against commercial banks in 1997 were partly or wholly justified, compared with 38% a year earlier, the Banking Supervision Department at the Bank of Israel said in a report published yesterday. The Bank-Customer Relations Unit received 3,200 complaints, compared with 3,500 in 1996. Bank Leumi led topped the miscreant's list, with 47% of the complaints against it justified; United Mizrahi Bank and Bank Hapoalim were in second and third place, with 42% and 40% respectively. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

TASE fines Central Securities

The Central Securities Co. was fined NIS 200,000 by a disciplinary committee of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, after it was discovered it had provided one of its clients with excessive credit. The extraordinary step was taken since the company has already violated the rules of the exchange several times. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Israel Corp. increases stake in Israel Chemicals

The Israel Corporation yesterday announced that it has increased its stake in Israel Chemicals to 42.27% by acquiring shares on the stock market. Israel Corp. has been gradually increasing its stake in the company in recent months, as the government announced that it plans to sell its remaining holdings in Israel Chemicals by offering the shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

40% of electronics firms have US offices

Some 40% of local electronics companies have offices in the US, 11% in Asia, 5% in the UK, and 4.5% in Germany, according to the Israel Electronics Association. The annual revenue of the local electronics industry was some $7.2b. last year, according to the association, a rise of 11% over the previous year. *Nina Gilbert*

Zisser, Papouchado to sell hotel holdings in Europe for $214m.

Dallas-based Olympus Real Estate is likely buyer

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Europe Israel and Dead Sea Hotels have agreed to sell their holdings in a European hotel chain to US-based Olympus Real Estate for $214 million, according to sources close to the deal.

In a statement released to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday, the two companies said they have signed a preliminary agreement for the sale of their hotels in Europe to an unnamed American hotel chain.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the buyer is Olympus Real Estate Corporation of Dallas, Texas, which acquired a majority interest in Park Plaza International Hotels and Resorts last October. Olympus spokesperson Mark Semer would neither confirm nor deny the report.

Europe Israel, controlled by entrepreneur Motti Zisser, and Dead Sea, which is controlled by hotelier Eli Papouchado, hold the franchise for Park Plaza in the majority of European countries and Israel. The five hotels are managed by Park Plaza Benelux, a subsidiary of Dead Sea.



Eli Papouchado (Uzi Keren)



Motti Zisser (Israel Sun)

Under the agreement, Olympus will purchase three hotels in the Netherlands, including Park Plaza Utrecht, Victoria Hotel in Amsterdam and Mandarin Park Plaza Eindhoven. The deal also will include the Astrid Park Plaza in Antwerp, Belgium, and Bernard Shaw Park Plaza in London, which is still under construction and is expected to open for business later this year.

Sources close to the Israeli side of the deal said the American company approached the two local companies and offered to buy the hotels.

The source said the offered price was "too good to resist."

Papouchado's and Zisser's move is particularly surprising considering that the two contemplated earlier this year raising money on the London Stock Exchange by offering shares in their hotel chain based on a value of some $150m.

Despite the sale, the two companies intend to maintain their interests in Europe's hotel industry, although it is not clear yet whether they can continue using the Park Plaza name.

Dead Sea and Europe Israel already are engaged in transforming a building in Budapest, Hungary, into a hotel and have purchased land opposite the Victoria rail station in London on which they plan to build a new hotel.

Europe Israel said that upon the completion of the deal it will record a capital gain of NIS 67m. Red Sea is expected to have a capital gain of some $20m.

Olympus invests in real estate equities, mortgages and securities in the US. Since its formation in 1994, the company has so far invested some $1.5 billion in a host of commercial, residential and recreation-related real estate projects.

PM's Office dismisses social council idea

By DAVID HARRIS

Moshe Leon, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, yesterday rejected Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein's call for the creation of a national social council, alongside the newly created national economic council.

Leon told *The Jerusalem Post* that the economic body formed yesterday by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was established to "cover both economic and social interests."

On Monday, Edelstein proposed a new cabinet committee, which would implement a series of projects aimed at creating some 10,000 new jobs. The committee would be comprised of himself, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, Education Minister Yitzhak Levy, and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai.

In Edelstein's view, the economic forum should concentrate on macroeconomic policy, while his committee deals with specific programs.

Leon also dismissed widespread criticism of the new economic council – Netanyahu, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, Yishai, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, and Manufacturers Association President Dan Propper.

The council will not have decision-making powers, according to Leon. "They'll meet regularly and make good recommendations, but they will only be recommendations," he said.

Most Treasury staffers say they are angered by the creation of the council, maintaining it will weaken their grip on economic affairs.

The official view, however, is far more positive. "Everything that is done, including consultations and very wide cooperation, is to be welcomed," Treasury Director-General Ben-Zion Zilberfarb told reporters.

He denied the council offers another way for Netanyahu to take over the economic reins from Neeman. "We don't see it like that," he said.

Bezeq to offer 14-19% stake next year

Sale to leave gov't with less than 50%

By Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

The ministerial committee on privatization last night approved the sale of 14 to 19 percent of Bezeq's shares on the stock market.

The offer is scheduled for early next year, a senior company source told the *Jerusalem Post*, while the site of sale, which would be either Tel Aviv, London or New York, has yet to be decided.

Presently the government holds a 54% percent stake in the company.

"The government's stake will be reduced to some 40% in all probability, but certainly to no less than 35%," said the source. "The sale will without doubt take the government's holding below 50%."

A statement last night from the Prime Minister's Office said the government would reduce its stake to 40%, with the sale taking place early next year.

Meanwhile, Merrill Lynch yesterday sold its last holding in Bezeq. Yoram Ben-Yair, of Ahrayut Investment Management, said Merrill Lynch had sold NIS 145 million worth of Bezeq stock on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

These were the last of the 12.5% of Bezeq shares purchased by Merrill Lynch a year ago. In the last week of July, the investment house held a 2.3% stake in Bezeq.

Bezeq's were the second most heavily traded shares in Tel Aviv yesterday.

All the recent deals leave British-based Cable and Wireless still as the second-largest shareholder after the government, with a 13% interest. The company has been given permission to top that up to 20% in the second half of 1999.

In advance of that, the company last week guaranteed itself an additional 4.15%, when Merrill Lynch sold this amount of Bezeq shares for $102m. to HSBC, which was acting as custodian for C&W.

Budget deficit up NIS 248m. in July

By DAVID HARRIS

The government's domestic deficit, excluding granted net credit, totaled NIS 248 million last month, thus adding up to an increase of NIS 3.062 billion so far this year, according to initial figures published yesterday by the Treasury.

The government's overall deficit for July stood at NIS 268m. (excluding granted net credit), while the first seven months saw the deficit mounting to NIS 5.672b.

The overall figure puts the government slightly behind its 1998 target of a budget deficit no greater than 2.4 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP), or NIS 9.192b. This is the first time this year the government has fallen behind its month-by-month target. However, Treasury officials still say they are confident they will meet their goal by December 31.

During July, the government's budget balance included losing capital to the value of NIS 10m. net at home and net overseas outflow of NIS 166m., offset by income from privatization of NIS 100m., while there was an NIS 251m. decline in bank reserves.

Since January, the government has registered a net overseas outflow of NIS 1.374b., raised NIS 49m. net at home, received NIS 2.346b. from company sales, and has seen an NIS 3.730b. fall in bank reserves.

Elbit Vision in red; Indigo nears black

RESULTS

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Elbit Vision Systems yesterday announced a second-quarter net loss of $1.85 million, compared with net profit of $770,000 in the corresponding period last year.

This was accompanied by a sharp decrease in net sales, which fell to only $2.93m. from $6.18m. in the second quarter of 1997.

The company, a subsidiary of Elron Industries, said that the figures include a one-time charge of approximately $300,000 arising from a payment to former president and CEO Yossi Barath and payments relating to a legal dispute with a former independent European agent.

The developer of automatic vision inspection systems said that during the first half of 1998 R&D expenses rose 23% to $9.1m.

Indigo yesterday announced that second-quarter net loss fell 80.3% to $2.3m. from a net loss of $11.7m. a year ago.

The developer of digital printing systems attributed the decline to a 39% rise in revenues, which amounted to $33.1m. compared with $23.9m. in the second quarter of 1997.

Net loss for the first half dropped 84.4% to $4.6m. from $29.5m. in 1997, while revenues increased 55% to $68.7m. from $44.5m.

Investors were disappointed by the results, with Indigo shares traded on Nasdaq falling $0.60 to $4 in early trading.

The company said that product revenue in its primary markets, America and Europe, reached $23.9m., up 81% from $13.2 million. Service revenue rose 22% to $5.6m. from $4.6m.

Benny Landa, Indigo's chairman and CEO, said that the second quarter marked several significant milestone. "Our service business reached profitability for the first time; our consumables business continued to grow as expected; and sales of recently-introduced new products continued to grow."

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THE BUSINESS SCENE
By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Tnuva chairman **Gedalia Gal**, a former chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, along with **Shmuel Rotem, Ya'acov Chessner, Shulamit Wallenstein, Gazi Kaplan** and **Danny Krichman** are taking credit for the 35 percent slash in the salary of Koor CEO **Jonathan Kolber**, who will now earn NIS 195,000 per month. Kolber took a voluntary cut in salary after the sextet made it known that they intended to buy shares in Koor in an effort to prevent Kolber from receiving the highest salary in the country.

According to reports published last week, Kolber was to have received some NIS 300,000 per month, a sum which the group believed would further deepen social rifts between Israeli haves and have-nots.

In another Koor development, **Ezra Yehuda**, 53, has been appointed the holding company's internal comptroller. Yehuda, whose appointment was announced last week, has been running his own accountancy firm for the past five years.

Tiki Mula, public-relations manager of the Renaissance Hotel, Jerusalem, has left after 14 years in search of new horizons. A former press officer in the Israel Embassy in London, she returned to Israel to study French literature and theater history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and began working in the hotel industry to support her studies. Mula now wants to gain experience in another field of industry and is currently window shopping.



Koor's Jonathan Kolber voluntarily cut his monthly salary to NIS 195,000.
(Israel Sun)

The Israel Soroptimist Organization has sent thousands of toys to children who survived June's earthquake in southern Turkey, which has killed hundreds and displaced thousands. **Haya Fleisher**, spokeswoman for the charity, said the Turkish embassy and national carrier both gladly helped ship the cargo, free of charge. (Itim)

Padani, the exclusive jewelry concern, has a new general manager. **Herbert Granierer**, 46, is taking over for **Eli Padani**, who will now devote his time to coordinating the Padani family's business developments. **Benny Padani**, another well-known member of the family involved in the jewelry business, is also the family's representative in Aquarius, a property development company. Granierer has a master's degree in economics and a business management degree from the University of Vienna. He has held managerial positions with Vered Hagalil Chocolates, Prestige Cosmetics, Berry Communications and Revlon.



In response to negative projections about Israel's economy, the Israel Bonds VIP Task Force will pay a lightning visit here next week to meet with government and business leaders as well as security establishment leaders to get a first-hand update of the situation. The delegation will be led by Israel Bonds President **Gideon Patt** (left), Chairman of the IB Board of Directors **Burton P. Reznik** and National Campaign Chairman **Irwin Hochberg**.

Hunting for the cash

Eagle-eyed investors should be on the look-out for companies – such as Delek and the little-known MZPK – that reward shareholders with juicy pay outs

By NEIL COHEN

PERSONAL FINANCE

There are not that many of them around, but it's always wise to keep an eye open for the cash machines. When I say cash machines I'm not referring to the now ubiquitous electronic tellers, but companies that throw off large quantities of free cash flow.

One example is Delek Motors, the Mazda distributor in Israel which is majority-owned by the holding company Delek. Delek was recently acquired by Yitzhak Tshuva, but some of its shares are in the hands of the public.

Delek Motors has attracted a lot of attention in the last few weeks for a number of reasons. For starters, it settled for a mere NIS 30 million a claim by the Customs and VAT Authorities for a whopping NIS 100 million. The authorities charged that by fictitiously allocating the cost of its cars across different elements (imputing higher costs to parts which did not require VAT), Delek Motors had evaded VAT in a big way.

When the Customs Authorities raided the company, the shares understandably took a hammering, recovering somewhat after things cooled down and it became apparent that Delek Motors was not fatally wounded.

Then the company announced yet another solid set of results, as well as its plan to pay shareholders a substantial dividend.

The dividend was prompted by Tshuva's thirst for cash. The plan is that Delek Motors will pay Delek a fat dividend. From here you can be pretty certain that Delek will pay its shareholders (mostly Tshuva and the companies he controls) a fat dividend. Tshuva will now be able to pay back some of the debt pile he took on to finance the takeover.

On top of these two sizeable positives – that the company was to pay out a big dividend and that its entanglement with the VATman was going to cost it considerably less than the market had feared – came more good news.

The new model of the Mazda Lantis, the car largely responsible for Delek Motors meteoric rise, was met with a warm reception,



making it likely that Mazda, and therefore Delek Motors, would maintain its strong position in the local auto market.

All these encouraging factors sent the shares soaring to new highs.

Short of your Internet rockets, which are so hard to spot and so few and far between, there is nothing more potent than a strong, cash-generative core business that rewards its shareholders with juicy pay outs. Such companies are often neglected, creating opportunities for the sharp-eyed investor.

I BELIEVE one such opportunity is a little-known company called MZPK.

Although the event that has prompted my interest in the company has attracted some press attention during the last week, I have struggled to find the company's share price listed in *Ha'aretz* (the Hebrew-language version).

What has attracted me is that the company appears to be moving from one run, which almost exclusively benefitted the controlling shareholders, to one where all the shareholders are likely to be invited to the party.

And based on the numbers, it looks like it could be a blast.

Two years ago, Yehuda Assayag, Roy Gil and Eitan Eldar bought a controlling stake in Gibor Sport, the healthiest part of the larger Gibor Sabrina textile concern, which was in fairly serious financial trouble. Gibor Sport was a profitable, financially healthy manufacturer of sports socks. And guess what? It had terrific cash flow.

Textiles being terribly out of fashion, and Gibor Sabrina being under some pressure to sell, Assayag, Gil and Eldar picked up a controlling stake in Gibor Sport pretty cheaply. Since then they used the company's strong balance sheet and cash flow to pay out fat dividends (NIS 29 million in total to date) to the shareholders. They are of course the largest shareholder but everyone has made out tremendously as a result, and the share price has more than tripled under their stewardship.

So when I noticed that they were shelling out NIS 52m. at a hefty premium to the market price to buy a controlling stake in MZPK, a very dull but very profitable importer, distributor and retailer, bells started to go off. MZPK is a highly profitable business – with a strong balance sheet and great operating cash flow.

While it has a TASE listing, MZPK has historically been run for the benefit of its controlling shareholders, the Ma'io family. Last year the three brothers Ma'io pulled out salaries and management fees totaling a cool NIS 9.2m. Part of the deal between the Gibor guys and the Ma'ios is that their salary and fee bunfest will come to an end. Given that the company made NIS 10.1m. in net profit last year, eliminating this expense will increase MZPK's after-tax profits by more than 50 percent.

The Gibor guys are buying into the company based on a share price of NIS 9.5 versus a current share price of NIS 7.47 (a term sheet has been signed but the transaction is still subject to due diligence). At NIS 9.5 the company is valued at NIS 75m. The company has net current assets on its balance sheets of NIS 45m. which could in theory be stripped out as dividends almost immediately. With annual profits of NIS 15m. plus, the company could return investors buying in at a NIS 75m. valuation in two years.

As we can buy in at a NIS 59m. valuation, and given the Gibor guys track record of extracting cash and sharing it with other shareholders (if you've invested NIS 52m., dividends are a far more rapid and efficient way of getting your money back than salaries) I'm willing to take the risk that the deal doesn't go through and put NIS 7,500 of the aggressive portfolio into MZPK.

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NEIL'S PORTFOLIO

General Share Index as of 5/8/98: 174.49 — 29/7/98: 171.26 — *All money values in NIS unless otherwise noted*

		No. of shares	Cost/share	Total cost	Current price	Current value
Conservative	Citrus Properties convertible	10,416.60	0.96	10,025	1.13	11,770.76
	Teva	11.34	1,035.60	12,519	1,291.00	14,643.81
	Bank Tefahot	6.22	1,303.34	8,101	1,935.00	12,026.80
	Clal Israel	143.68	69.60	10,025	100.70	14,468.48
	Carmel Container	341.00	59.00	10,020	58.00	9,965.38
	Dan Hotels	425.65	8.81	3,769	11.93	5,077.98
	Jafora Tabori	556.80	8.98	5,025	8.00	4,454.40
	Ytong	640.00	7.79	5,010	9.10	5,824.00
	IDB	1,432.66	3.49	5,025	4.80	6,876.77
	Koor	28.00	357.05	10,017	419.00	11,732.00
	Bezeq	625.00	12.00	7,520	12.49	7,806.25
	1 month cash deposit at 11%					51,070.16
	Total portfolio value			100,000		155,716.80
Aggressive	Laznik Commercial ordinary	4,314.51	1.34	5,775	1.67	7,183.66
	Clal Electronics	16.31	283.28	4,641	568.00	9,265.78
	Tower Semiconductor	292.00	$5.75	6,584	$6.75	7,200.06
	Israel Chemicals	3,488.37	2.58	9,023	4.57	15,941.85
	Delek Motors	1,219.88	3.32	4,075	8.30	10,125.00
	Biotech General	224.00	$11.00	8,482	$7.13	5,830.19
	Discount Investments	120.00	81.62	9,819	120.70	14,484.00
	Israel Corporation	47.33	211.30	10,025	296.00	14,008.50
	Oxda Print	180.33	41.59	7,525	38.90	7,014.84
	Ayalon Insurance	729.93	6.85	5,020	4.61	3,364.98
	A. Levy warrant	4,854.37	1.03	5,020	0.78	3,786.41
	MZPK	1,002.00	7.47	7,505	7.47	7,485.00
	1 month cash deposit at 11%					58,195.49
	Total portfolio value			100,000		163,885.80
Defensive	AIRov4 convertible	5,847.95	.86	5,020	.77	4,502.92
	ZurShamir3 convertible	5,208.33	.96	5,020	.97	5,052.08
	Granit 1 convertible	3,501.40	1.43	5,020	1.44	5,052.52
	1 Month deposit at 12%					95,483.23
	Total portfolio value			100,000		110,090.80

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
FLEXIBLE					
Acor	230.41	229.71	- 0.60	+4.29	19.5
Agar Flexible	107.53	106.21	- 0.35	+5.85	27.7
Afikim Flexible	205.72	203.08	- 0.09	-1.51	19.8
Ahrayut Flexible	516.63	507.72	- 1.73	+1.18	2.8
Alomot Flexible	109.89	108.02	- 1.04	—	12.2
Analyst Diversified	794.82	778.39	- 0.14	+7.30	69.3
Apex Flexible	185.15	184.53	- 0.78	+ 18.91	39.4
Anomedes	106.65	104.62	- 1.34	+ 11.52	0.9
Anuka	1987.44	1981.17	- 0.72	+4.21	5.7
Bloch Rotstein Flexible	234.64	229.86	- 0.65	+ 11.22	36.4
Clali Flexible	1183.93	1180.19	- 1.08	+3.12	4.9
Dikla Mamon	276.89	274.81	- 1.04	+4.24	27.0
Dikla Marav	188.63	187.91	- 0.96	+4.48	12.0
Dikla Meked	3524.20	3498.49	- 0.53	+4.79	79.4
Dovrat Shrem Flexible	173.05	169.45	- 0.41	-4.80	34.5
Emda Ishi	4184.71	4140.48	- 1.50	+4.78	33.3
Epsilon Flexible	172.16	171.54	- 1.43	+ 10.38	12.8
Evergreen Flexible	123.87	122.84	- 0.61	+1.01	8.5
Excellence Flexible	3195.62	3152.61	- 0.85	+8.01	6.4
Igud Bonds	104.42	103.94	+ 0.18	-0.30	6.3
Igud Flexible	171.02	169.83	- 0.71	+5.57	21.1
Igud Shikli	140.58	140.58	- 0.02	+7.75	332.3
Ilanot 30 Plus	153.42	152.62	- 1.86	-0.27	3.7
Ilanot 90	267.30	265.85	- 1.24	+5.98	26.9
Ilanot Tidhar	3445.14	3436.44	- 1.06	+8.33	78.3
Kivun Flexible	126.26	125.16	- 0.63	+3.56	6.0
Lahak Duhifat	768.73	774.72	- 1.28	+5.70	75.2
Lamashkaa	—	—	—	—	5.9
Lapid	1675.25	1675.25	- 0.52	+4.40	6.1
Maofim Bonds	104.17	103.19	+ 0.12	—	6.2
Maofim Flexible	162.55	159.57	- 0.60	+ 16.10	14.5
Maritime Flexible Fund	104.93	103.02	- 0.93	+ 13.81	13.2
Meitav Flexible	170.61	168.80	- 0.92	+8.21	3.2
Models Flexible	113.63	111.32	- 1.40	+0.35	9.8
Models Tauza	103.77	101.81	- 1.38	+7.29	4.6
Moriz Money Market	141.43	141.43	- 0.01	+7.26	18.4
Nessua Flexible	2700.87	2683.76	- 1.29	+4.43	11.3
Nete	112.60	112.07	+ 2.61	-8.47	0.4
Noga	922.96	911.28	- 0.44	+6.86	45.9
Omer Pekan	201.54	197.98	- 1.72	-2.12	23.0
Otzar Flexible	106.10	104.27	- 1.46	+4.98	4.8
Pia Haycwel	243.26	242.05	- 0.38	+ 20.98	39.3
Pia Kola	978.20	973.33	- 0.87	+8.25	318.8
Psagot Gamish	617.36	606.40	- 0.76	+7.18	156.0
Psagot Megama	368.77	365.87	- 0.98	+9.64	88.7
Quantum	100.24	98.97	+ 0.07	-2.32	0.2
Ramco Flexible	179.33	177.36	- 0.37	+5.33	6.6
Sasr Flexible	233.56	230.53	- 0.79	+6.17	4.9
Sasr Pekan	207.09	206.47	- 0.93	+7.64	205.7
Sigma Flexible	108.75	105.62	- 1.57	+5.79	9.6
Sivan	300.63	296.74	- 1.59	+ 13.83	83.6
Telescope	121.80	121.41	- 0.50	-3.60	2.0
Yaad Flexible	106.39	105.33	- 0.97	+5.57	5.3
Yesodot	3291.48	3233.18	- 0.08	+8.94	37.2
Zeller Flexible	88.00	86.03	- 1.13	-5.31	4.4
Zion Flexible	16981.49	16924.84	- 2.16	+ 20.00	13.8
SHARES					
Adif Pekan	123.58	121.39	- 0.96	+5.63	46.1
Afikim Shares	286.18	282.48	- 0.40	+1.83	17.0
Ahrayut Oil & Shares	135.72	132.97	- 0.03	- 13.72	1.6
Ahrayut Real Estate	224.11	219.80	- 1.91	-0.49	7.9
Ahrayut Shares	337.38	331.40	- 1.83	+0.79	4.0
Alomot Growth	101.34	99.58	- 1.65	—	0.0
Analyst Aggressive	163.41	158.63	- 0.44	+7.06	54.3
Analyst Equity	1300.66	1270.43	- 0.79	+9.34	155.2
Analyst Industries	402.43	393.08	- 0.64	+8.73	60.8
Apex Shares	118.67	118.12	- 0.96	+ 18.51	16.6
Atlas Pekan	—	—	—	—	34.5
Baron	226.84	226.11	- 1.59	+4.89	14.4
Bloch Rotstein Shares	121.15	118.76	- 1.06	+ 18.84	16.5
Capital Shares	100.18	98.80	- 2.43	+8.42	4.1
Chemical Pekan	123.82	121.45	- 1.99	+3.58	7.2
Clali Maof	259.09	258.32	- 1.84	+5.25	26.7
Clali Shares & Conv.	160.24	159.75	- 1.30	+7.72	2.5
Dikla Maagal	108.89	106.15	- 1.13	+2.72	14.8
Dikla Madad Maof	221.84	220.67	- 1.75	+6.23	79.2
Dikla Meretz	565.51	561.25	- 1.27	+7.25	81.0
Dikla Miftan	117.90	117.00	- 0.70	-3.94	45.2
Dikla Migzar Finance	135.27	134.25	- 0.92	+7.56	40.2
Dikla Mikud 30	74.54	73.97	- 1.45	+1.87	42.0
Dikla Mivtreh	357.21	354.40	- 1.71	-0.68	27.4
Dikla Mondial	—	—	—	—	18.4
Dikla Mor	1633.20	1620.67	- 0.90	+4.02	96.8
Dovrat Shrem 100	113.49	111.16	- 1.35	+1.53	18.9
Dovrat Shrem Yeter	127.81	125.18	- 0.75	+0.43	14.3
Emda Export	90.05	89.13	- 1.95	+5.38	10.8
Emda High Tech	—	—	—	—	10.6
Emda Maof	230.96	229.19	- 1.81	+8.25	44.0
Emda Paz	194.08	192.07	- 1.77	+5.81	12.7
Emda Shalhevet	175.43	174.13	- 1.72	+8.58	16.0
Emda T-A 100	2137.10	2114.37	- 1.58	+5.23	56.7
Emda Yeter	1694.06	1676.18	- 1.88	+1.46	24.7
Epsilon 36	117.23	116.79	- 1.82	+ 15.80	37.1
Epsilon Shares	203.70	202.96	- 1.31	+ 10.57	16.6
Epsilon Technologies	—	—	—	—	9.8
Erez Pekan	360.38	359.22	- 1.50	+8.94	188.2
Esh	609.55	597.53	- 2.16	-0.80	2.4
Evergreen High Tech	—	—	—	—	14.0
Evergreen Shares	166.88	165.29	- 0.48	+3.16	20.1
Excellence Agresive	273.55	270.46	- 0.90	+ 13.48	9.8
Excellence Shares	671.34	667.54	- 1.35	+ 16.41	8.3
Eyal Shares	146.24	146.24	- 1.22	+8.60	7.6
Gal	125.26	123.66	- 1.93	+8.00	18.2
Hon Pekan	117.26	115.19	- 1.33	+3.52	70.6
Igud Maof	101.54	101.03	- 1.98	+6.32	11.0
Igud Shares	152.42	151.28	- 1.38	+3.25	11.0
Igud Yeter	106.85	108.20	- 0.76	-0.17	12.4
Ilanot Caramim	175.74	174.81	- 1.43	+5.48	91.6
Ilanot Communication	119.79	119.13	- 1.33	+ 10.27	68.5
Ilanot Dekel	3335.86	3318.53	- 1.69	+5.93	107.2
Ilanot Finance	101.02	100.47	- 1.16	+6.09	17.5
Ilanot Globe	—	—	—	—	13.6
Ilanot Maof	218.95	217.89	- 1.89	+6.57	65.8
Ilanot Nadlan	1514.65	1506.64	- 1.25	—	33.5
Ilanot Nimrazel	86.20	86.20	- 2.33	+0.67	5.5
Ilanot Shares	5255.91	5226.03	- 1.32	+4.01	9.8
Ilanot Shchaklim	59.93	59.81	- 2.12	+3.01	18.2
Ilanot Shesek	972.97	967.77	- 1.53	+6.09	125.7
Ilanot T-A 100	2981.67	2965.99	- 1.71	+6.78	83.0
Israel America	—	—	—	—	1.2
Kohav Pekan	181.94	181.37	- 1.85	+9.23	114.9
Koor Money Market	135.70	136.70	+ 0.05	+9.23	447.2
Koor Shares	98.88	97.68	- 1.53	+5.20	10.0
Lahak Agrasivit Plus	89.72	88.15	- 2.90	+0.72	23.2
Lahak Ankor	906.84	904.12	- 1.53	+6.56	39.2
Lahak Dividends	358.04	358.12	- 1.30	+ 16.42	86.3
Lahak Mensyot 30	100.13	100.13	- 1.55	—	24.1
Lahak Menayot Yeter	120.08	119.13	- 1.62	+5.80	47.6
Lahak Nadlan	137.23	134.80	- 1.79	+4.59	33.7
Lahak TA-Wall Street	—	—	—	—	21.8
Lahak Tor 100	473.55	466.21	- 1.62	+8.39	97.8
Lahak Yatsiv	81.28	81.04	- 1.27	+8.91	41.6
Lahak Zamir	884.32	881.53	- 1.51	+8.24	70.6
Maale Maof Pekan	198.32	194.84	- 1.87	+3.99	78.3
Magic	274.87	269.82	+ 0.23	-3.43	9.1
Meitav High Tech	—	—	—	—	—
Meitav Options	49.95	49.19	- 2.13	+ 18.25	14.0
Meitav Shares	218.76	215.46	- 1.26	+5.92	5.8
Meitav Tauza	119.26	118.00	- 1.55	+7.63	5.9
Mercazit Caram Maniv	68.81	68.82	- 0.58	+3.42	2.8
Mercazit Maof	206.73	206.23	- 1.89	+5.99	2.4
Mercazit TA 100	272.08	272.08	- 1.56	+4.36	8.0
Meritngail Dynamic	109.99	109.85	- 0.49	+ 10.02	13.9
Mezcha Continental	60.32	59.23	- 1.58	+3.35	14.5
Nessua Shares	475.88	472.73	- 1.14	+5.51	8.3
Nif T-A 100	1100.13	1085.98	- 1.75	+6.47	23.6
Omega	118.14	116.06	+ 0.57	-4.98	1.7
Otzar Foreign Int. Per.	155.46	155.46	- 1.02	+9.85	2.3
Otzar Shares	119.89	117.60	- 1.74	+5.54	6.6
Otzar Yeter	86.90	85.39	- 2.71	-2.55	5.0
Pekan T-A 100	170.15	168.67	- 1.86	+5.30	65.8
Pia 2000	97.90	96.16	- 0.76	+5.22	24.2
Pia Bodiach TA 100	1091.09	1071.80	- 1.62	+7.44	94.2
Pia Manof	146.81	144.30	- 0.54	+ 11.51	47.4
Pia Maof	212.44	208.89	- 1.57	+6.59	103.9
Pia Michtol	657.86	652.54	- 1.02	+9.79	134.2
Pia Odem	1345.29	1337.94	- 1.01	+ 13.64	175.5
Pia Otamit	—	—	—	—	35.4
Pia Yahalom	1167.78	1166.82	- 0.14	+ 12.43	72.3
Pia Zmuk	70.54	69.29	- 0.24	+ 10.92	41.5
Pritza	—	—	—	—	0.6
Psagot 20	94.45	92.77	- 0.73	—	189.9
Psagot Ai	92.16	90.51	- 0.67	+8.34	34.7
Psagot Focus	119.79	117.67	- 0.63	+8.72	104.3
Psagot High Tech	—	—	—	—	60.5
Psagot Mabat Lashalom	148.50	143.90	- 0.56	+ 12.82	43.4
Psagot Mensyot	931.15	925.99	- 0.45	+ 10.90	183.0
Psagot T-A 100	417.87	415.38	- 1.06	+ 13.58	246.8
Psagot Yeter	204.28	200.65	- 0.26	+8.57	57.5
Raam 90	148.37	145.39	- 4.25	-0.96	6.4
Simodan Shares & Conv.	82.46	81.15	- 1.83	-0.04	0.8
Singer Barnea Financial	124.45	122.25	- 1.45	+8.97	0.7
Singer Barnea Shmura	154.49	154.04	- 1.26	+8.49	2.3
Tamir Fishman Tsmiha	—	—	—	—	—
Tsuot Suta	161.90	160.94	- 1.85	+ 12.06	24.9
Yaar	45.17	45.07	+ 0.27	-9.57	0.2
Zik	364.65	363.59	- 0.11	+3.27	3.7
Zion Shares	157.48	156.53	- 1.39	+5.17	3.9
Zion Yeter	96.17	95.82	- 0.70	+1.31	5.9
STATE BONDS					
Ahrayut State Bonds	458.18	452.53	- 0.20	+3.67	4.5
Alrotig Pekan	281.36	276.37	+ 0.24	-2.23	107.7
Analyst Government Bonds	404.67	399.47	- 0.11	+1.94	31.1
Clali Dotan	1259.49	1256.59	- 0.13	+1.85	4.7
Clali State Bonds	489.31	488.20	- 0.11	+2.15	8.2
Dikla Marom	6492.89	6445.56	- 0.13	+5.17	34.1
Dikla Mivtah	1774.12	1760.94	- 0.10	+5.63	32.6
Ducas	280.48	285.94	+ 0.04	+4.44	14.0
Emda Government Bond	1099.46	1090.93	+ 0.05	-0.24	48.9
Emda Leshem	1462.24	1448.00	- 0.11	-0.08	27.4
Emda Sella	1435.46	1425.02	- 0.18	+5.84	49.3
Epsilon Gov't Bonds	213.49	212.82	- 0.19	+7.32	15.3
Geva	421.18	416.03	- 0.08	+3.20	86.0
Hila Pekan	554.36	554.36	+ 0.12	+3.63	133.7
Ilanot Egoz	1189.80	1183.76	- 0.02	+4.78	51.1
Ilanot Gov't Bonds	2514.80	2504.12	- 0.10	+6.45	2.6
Ilanot Tapuah	684.83	681.72	+ 0.17	-0.03	30.2
Ilanot Tapuz	1106.40	1100.91	- 0.09	+2.77	99.1
Lahak Efroni	555.92	546.11	+ 0.23	-1.72	33.4
Lahak Shahaf	152.01	149.37	- 0.04	+5.06	53.1
Lahak Snunit	213.14	700.63	+ 0.06	+5.44	90.8
Maritime Government Bond	162.19	159.99	- 0.18	+6.62	12.2
Meitav Gov't Bonds	123.29	122.32	- 0.02	+4.15	9.6
Mekorit Pekan	120.50	118.39	+ 0.13	+0.82	16.0
Mercazit Gov't Bonds	160.17	158.99	- 0.03	+3.67	6.4
Nessua Gov't Bonds	1421.34	1414.58	- 0.17	+6.81	37.8
Otzar Gov't Bonds	156.64	153.94	+ 0.08	+2.81	13.6
Pia Conv' Bonds 50	251.72	250.35	- 0.00	—	22.6
Pia Tarshish	140.67	138.20	+ 0.12	+3.10	242.1
Pia Zamid	4859.99	4774.68	- 0.07	+2.61	153.8
Psagot Agach	609.95	599.16	- 0.16	+7.03	50.1
Psagot Masla	447.34	443.79	+ 0.00	+4.40	52.3
Psagot Maqad	577.97	567.74	+ 0.12	+2.84	81.2
Shavit Pekan	712.25	719.30	- 0.22	+3.94	136.7
Sigma Gov't Bonds	139.19	137.46	- 0.47	+2.38	1.1
Yaara Pekan	588.86	578.47	+ 0.22	+0.18	58.8
Yavul Pekari	754.06	751.90	+ 0.09	+1.97	148.2
Ziv	628.68	620.68	- 0.05	+2.16	38.9
Zohar	524.91	518.33	- 0.10	+3.17	37.5
COMPANY BONDS					
Afikim Bonds	322.64	318.59	+ 0.34	-3.78	40.0
Ahrayut Bonds	196.18	192.78	- 0.26	-0.84	5.2
Amirim	131.45	130.47	- 0.03	+0.73	24.0
Analyst Corporate Bonds	291.12	285.84	- 0.24	+1.71	91.3
Analyst Money Market	162.34	161.89	+ 0.02	+5.77	15.8
Apex Tsua	146.00	145.52	- 0.17	+9.43	63.9
Bloch Rotstein Bonds	171.26	168.84	- 0.01	+8.08	14.1
Bond	164.08	162.88	- 0.06	+0.67	10.1
Capital Bonds	158.22	156.08	- 0.18	+6.96	11.2
Clali Company Debentures	210.20	209.66	- 0.08	+2.46	2.9
Clali Gen' Bond Rating	104.00	103.70	+ 0.21	—	12.3
Clali Zmina	183.01	183.01	- 0.02	+7.46	55.9
Dikla Mayan	989.01	981.77	- 0.09	+4.90	52.2
Dikla Magen Plus	105.13	105.13	+ 0.08	—	377.6
Dikla Maskoret Plus	149.91	149.91	+ 0.07	+7.74	443.4
Dikla Meimad	466.00	462.34	- 0.16	+6.86	22.1
Dikla Mirvah	616.02	611.43	- 0.26	-0.12	24.1
Dikla Mivhar	585.57	581.34	+ 0.12	+4.28	33.6
Dikla Nigvan	2077.03	2061.99	- 0.28	+3.68	93.1
Dovrat Shrem Bonds	171.47	168.87	- 0.09	+1.80	56.9
Emda Dynamit Magen	111.02	111.02	- 0.08	+6.00	55.6
Emda Hatamish	162.42	160.84	- 0.10	+3.82	16.6
Emda Hamara	1137.50	1126.09	- 0.54	-0.15	47.8
Emda Shikli	104.68	104.68	+ 0.07	+7.42	766.7
Emda Zuk	336.02	334.35	- 0.14	-0.56	14.2
Epsilon Corp. Bonds	129.70	129.28	- 0.74	+3.10	20.3
Epsilon Money Market	154.98	154.98	+ 0.05	+8.93	270.9
Evergreen Shkoola	158.24	157.35	+ 0.06	+3.00	34.5
Excellence Bonds	2164.95	2136.99	- 0.10	+5.50	13.8
Eyal Corporate Bonds	152.14	151.60	- 0.16	+0.82	5.0
Eyal Shotef	143.30	143.30	+ 0.04	+8.06	22.3
Guy	736.24	726.12	- 0.34	+5.11	120.5
Hotz Pekan	621.98	621.98	+ 0.07	+7.33	—
I.B.I Shkalim	153.11	153.11	+ 0.08	+8.15	170.4
Igud Magen Shikli	102.96	102.96	- 0.78	—	24.8
Ilanot Agas	456.12	453.89	- 0.05	+3.29	43.3
Ilanot Alon	1983.62	1973.68	+ 0.01	+3.96	41.1
Ilanot Armon	141.83	141.17	+ 0.04	+3.18	22.1
Ilanot Conv'bonds	3189.34	3172.70	- 0.22	+1.95	7.0
Ilanot Eshel	805.44	801.52	- 0.17	+4.62	93.8
Ilanot Etrog	1090.85	1085.06	- 0.10	+3.04	57.1
Ilanot Muvtahot	110.42	110.42	- 0.85	+6.18	52.4
Ilanot Oren	4210.41	4189.44	- 0.37	+4.13	135.3
Ilanot Orion	184.33	183.42	- 0.10	+5.47	26.1
Ilanot Rimon	578.91	578.91	+ 0.09	+7.64	—
Ilanot Shahar	240.58	239.84	+ 0.09	+3.18	31.9
Ilanot Shaked	236.75	235.84	+ 0.11	+3.21	37.9
Ilanot Shkoola	171.41	170.47	- 0.19	+4.94	72.3
Keshet Pekan	443.90	436.09	0.00	-0.87	34.4
Koor Amnar Bonds	206.72	206.24	+ 0.01	—	17.1
Lahak Conv. Bonds	240.95	240.95	- 0.01	+0.70	79.0
Lahak Magen 95%	159.88	159.88

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	463	0
Africa Israel 0.1	19500	0
Africa Israel 1	165000	-0.5
Agis	2440	1.2
Al Paper Mills	12850	0
Al-Rov	2760	0
Azorim	2830	0
Azorim Prop.	620	-3.2
Bank Leumi 0.1	681	-1.6
Bayan	2880	-1.7
Bayside 1	45500	-0.9
Bayside 5	207900	-1
Bezaq	1255	1
Blue Square	5010	4
Bromine	3050	-1.6
Cal Electronics	54800	-0.7
Cal Industries	2000	-0.5
Cal Insurance	3660	0
Cal Israel 1	9980	0
Dan Hotels	1185	-0.7
Dankner	2130	-0.5
Dexbon	692	0
Dead Sea Works 0.1	827	-1.3
Delek 0.1	12300	0
Delek Car	638	-4.4
Development Mort	22000	-1.8
Discount Bank	480	1
Discount Inv.	11710	-0.2
Elbit 0.003	916	-1
Elbit imaging	2960	-2.9
Elbit system	4700	0.2
Elco	1846	-1
Elco Industries	3250	0
Electra	16900	-0.6
Electra App	2260	0
Elite Ind. 1	2330	-6.4
Elite Ind. 5	11270	-1.2
Elron 0.003	6430	0.3
FIBI 5	3330	0
First Int'l 1	505	-3
First Int'l 5	2510	-2.8
Fins Int'l Mort	50000	0
Formula	12050	-1
General Bank	10400	0
Granit Hacarmel	725	-0.3
Hadarim Prop.	6530	4.3
Ham-Let	2080	0
Hapoalim 0.1	1046	-1.1
Harel Mishmar 1	3400	0
Harel Mishmar 5	15900	0
I.D.B. Dev.	9570	1.1
I.D.B. Holdings	9550	0.5
ILDC	2250	0.4
Ind Bldgs	602	0.2
Israel Chemicals	448	0
Israel Corp. 1	29000	-0.7
Isrotel	651	0
Jetbro	800	0
JCT	37	0
JEC	1840	0.3
Kitan	326	1.8
Knafaim	5350	-2.1
Koor	41600	-1
Leader	1290	-4.7
Leumi Insurance	211	-1.4
Leumi Mortgage	80000	0
Lidar	3890	-4.1
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	1065	1.8
Menrav	600	0
Metalo	4650	-1.3
Mehadrin	13100	-2.1
Mel Eden	1630	0.9
Melisseron	1040	-3.8
Menorah Ins. 1	2050	0
Mifamor	1550	-0.6
Mishkan	69000	5.8
Mizrahi Inv.	8730	-2.1
NATSVA REGULAR	1416	-2
Nice Systems	13850	-0.1
Oof	7530	-0.4
Orbit	1338	0
Ormat Industries	532	-1.5
Osem Industries	1775	0.3
Petrochemicals	2080	1.4
Phoenix Ins. 1	5730	0
Poalim Inv.	11950	-0.4
Prop & Bldg	33400	0
Sat Industries	2090	0
Solel Bone	4470	1.8
Supersol	1193	0
Tadiran	13510	0.7
Tambour	620	0
Telshot	193400	0
Tempo	1875	0
Teva	12500	-0.2
Urdan	253	0.4
Wire and Cables	1100	0
Ytong Industries	904	0

KARAM SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	371	0
Solomon Holdings	397	0
Abjac	1.9	0
Abudi	45	0
Ace-Spade	92.5	0
Ackerstein Bond B	164	0
Ackerstein Ind.	525	-1
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1710	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	7800	0
adakom	36.5	0
Adanim	356091	0
Adler	106	0
Adsha	143.5	0
Adumim	184.5	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	90.7	0.8
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	58.8	0
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	133.5	0.7
Afcek Ind	1090	0
Agis Warrant 3	25	-20
Agis Warrant 4	470	0
Agish Int'l	386	-1.5
Agri Investments	520	0
Al-Ben	119.5	0
Al-Ben Bond A	107	0
Alhe ct2	93.7	-0.4
Alhe w6	152	5.9
Alliance	680	0
Alon	289	0
Alony-Hetz	505	0
Alony-Hetz Bond A	237	0
Alrod	169	0
Alrod Warrant 1	5	11.1
Alrov Bond D	78	0.6
Alrov Warrant 5	375	0
Alumit	207	0
Alumit	2119	-5.2
Amigur	179	8.9
Amilec	297	0
Aromatt Warrant 1	27	0
Aronet	510	-3.3
Amps Investments	1177700	0
Analyst EMS	778	-1.5
Angel Trade	29.8	1
Angel Trade Bond A	145	0.3
Angel Trade Bond B	105.5	0
Angel Trade Bond C	54.5	-1.8
Apcon	990	0
Apcon warrant 1	315	0
Appitcom	3590	-0.8
Arazeel Warrant 2	425	-1.2
Asad	1450	0
Asad Towels	857	-0.5
Atrazim	78	0
Atrazim Bond 1	240	0
Argaman	240	0
Arladan	1127	-1
Arpal	330	0
Aryt	133	0
Ashdam Plywood	520	0
Ashdelon Plywood Bond 1	246	0
Ashdelon Plywood Bond 2	123	0
Ashdod	369	0
Ashdod Bond A	152	0
Ashot	330	3.4
Ashot Bond A	183.8	0
Ashpara	79	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	173	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	150.2	-0.9
Ashtrom Ind.	519	0
Ashtrom Prop.	203	0
Astrom P Bond 1	86	0
Astrom p warrant 8	24	0
Astrum Bond C	93.5	0
Astrum Warrant 2	26.5	0
Atidon	88	0
Atmor	2340	1.1
ATX	150	1.1
ATX Bond A	154.5	0
Atzmon	220	0.5
Auna	3940	-1.5
Avarot	377	1.9
Avarot Bond A	161	0
Avgubuch Formica	536	0
Aviv	305	10.1
Aviv Bond 1	154	0
Aviv Bond 2	87.5	0
Avnet	2.1	-4.5
Avrot Bond 2	91.5	0
Avrot Warrant 2	67	1.3
Ayelon	461	0
Azmuth	450	-4.3
Azorim Properties Bond 9	166.5	0
Azorim Warrant 13	425	-1.4
Azorim Warrant 5	97.5	0
Azorim Warrant A	580	3.6
Azorim Warrant B	600	0
Badash Bond 1	94.1	0.3
Baitfil	432	-4
Balfil	153	0
Balendine 1	130	0
Balendine Bond A	6.9	30.2
Balendine Warrant 2	2790	0
Balron	103.5	0
Bama'asef	143.2	0.1
Bama'asef Bond A	311	-3.1
Bar	124.5	0.4
Bar Bond A	260	-0.4
Berad	798	0
Berenowitz	780	0
Berkan	99.5	-0.5
Bersel	228	0
Bertal	183.5	0
Baumel Moshe	88.5	-0.7
BaySide Bond 2	2100	0
BaySide Warrant D	1690	0
Beit Shemesh	394	-1
Belmon	164.5	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	79	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	3177	0.5
Ben Yakar Gat	186.5	-1.8
Benman	127.5	0.4
Bezek Bond 3	2760	0
Bezek Bond 4	0	0
Bezek Warrant 3	371	3
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	1915	0
Bilu	189.2	1.4
Bilu Bond A		

	LAST	CHANGE*
Binar	408	0
Bird	222	0
Bokos Bond B	78.5	0
bokos gad warrant 1	42.5	-0.2
Bonei Tichon	606	0
Bonjour	465	0
Boulous Brothers	151	-2
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	253	0
Boulous GD Bond A	193	0
Brand	86.5	0
Brill	56.5	0
Brok Side	19.3	-4
Brosh	172	0
Building Bank	1655	-0.5
Building Resou	3500	0
C Holdings	482	-3.1
C Holdings Bond 5	84	1.2
C Holdings Warrant 3	1	-50
Cassares 1	4350	0
Canigi	3400	0
Capeal	810	0
Capeal Bond A	113.5	0
Caprice	310	-0.6
Cargal	840	0
Carmel	530	-1.3
Carmiel	412	-0.7
Castro	514	0
Catalena 1	370	-0.5
CDI	164.5	0
Cementacst Bond A	68.5	0.6
Cementcst	404	-5.2
Centre	143	0
Centre Bond 1	125.5	0
Cham	458	1.5
Chayun Computers	142	0
Chemipal	444	0
Chim-Ner	509	0
CI Systems	171	0
Cidelp	148.5	0
Cital Computers	9420	0
Cital Israel 5	0	0
Cital Retail	67198	0
Cohen Bens	123.5	0
Cohen Dov	200	0
Cohen Mid	146.5	-0.3
Cold Storage 1	1820	0
Cold Storage 5	9080	2
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	255	0.8
Compi	155	0
Compi Warrem 1	20	0
Compulite	187	-1.6
Comtech	439	0
Comtsans	782	0
Contal	1018	0
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	615	0
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2880	25.7
Cyclone Bond 1	248	0
Cyclone Bond 2	150	0
Dafron	1725	0
Dafron Bond 1	247	0
Dalia	1.3	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	805	4.7
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	156.8	0.5
Danbar 1	5180	3.7
Danbar 5	19500	-6.1
Danbar Bond A	280	0
Danbar Resources	7500	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	157	-0.8
Danbar Tech.	5990	2.8
Danbar Technologies Bond A	151	0
Danel	92	0
Danel Bond A	87	0
Danel Personnel	2100	-4.8
Danel Warrant 2	439	0
Dankner Bond 1	210	0
Dankner Bond 2	132.8	0
Dankner Bond 3	85.6	0.6
Dankner Warrant C	638	-1.1
Danly	445	-0.4
Dared	100	0
DARBAN BOND 2	101.5	0
Darban Bond A	269	0
DARBAN W2	250	0
Darban Warrant 3	150	0
Dares	124.5	0
Darlon	158	10.1
Dash Investment	890	0
Data	623	-2
Decision Systems	540	-0.7
Degem Systems	482	1.5
Delek Drillings	11.3	23.9
Delek Oil	1399	0
Delta 1	3930	3.1
Delta 3	11620	0
Destiny	1380	0
Digal	123	0
Dirom1	1244	0
Dolav	343	0
Dolav Bond A	132.8	0
Dolav warrant 1	44	0
Domicar	405	0
Domicar Bond	152.5	0.3
Dor Berger	398	0
Dor Chim	328	-3.7
Dorc w1	110	0
Dorea	56	0
Dorf c1	95.5	0
Dori Engineering	492	-5.1
Dori Engineering Bond A	134.5	0
Dowaz Bond A	137	0
Dowaz Shrem	1432	1
Dowaz Shrem Warrant 3	5.6	-16.4
DSI	986	0
Dubek M	2.5	0
Dubek S	2.4	0
Dvirim	272	0
DYG Industries	481	0
E & M Computing	1022	-3.1
Edgar Alkosi	62	0
Edgar Industries	196	0
Edgar Inv. Bond C	83	-0.1
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	22.6	2.7
Elfar Bond A	98	0
Elnf	162	0
Elram	295	-1.4
Elronran	3420	0
El Bad	1890	-2.9
El Cenit	579	0
El Cenit Bond 1	156	0
Elad	510	1
Elad Bond A	169	0
Elad Bond B	138.1	-0.1
Elad c3	74	1.4
Elad w5	27	-11.1
Elbit Computers Bond B	122.8	0
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	423	-24.7
Eldan Tech	222	3.2
Electronics Line	553	0
Elgar	4890	0
Elishav	500	0
Elitech Ind.	1221	-2.4
Elram	351	0.3
Ella	369	0
Ella Bond A	140	0
Elran	3700	0
Elron Warrant 2	2905	0
Emek	140	0
Emyla	716	0.8
Engel Const.	770	0
ESE	2140	-1.9
Eshed Robotech	185	2.7
Even	420	0
Evergreen	3260	0
Evrofs Warrant 1	1440	-1.4
Excelance	1667	0
Export Inv.	785	-8.7
Extra	100.5	-0.5
Feldman	168	0
Feldman Bond A	145.2	0
Feldman Ind.	914	-0.6
Feldman Warrant 3	25.8	0
Fertilizers 1	121.5	-0.4
Feuchtwanger 1	10200	0
Feuchtwanger 5	51500	-4.5
Fidelity	2512	0
Five J Jewelers	268	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	128.5	0
Formica Source	389	4.6
Frutarom	15960	-0.3
Galcom	192	0
Galran	1102	-3.5
Gama	188	-0.5
Gamatronic	563	0
Gambit	1581	-8
Gan ShmoelBond A	125.5	0
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	745	0
Gan Shmuel	1709	-0.8
Ganei Hader	400	0
Gap Development	105	-2.9
Gap Holdings	238	0
Gap Warrant 2	9	0
Gazit	602	0
Gazit Bond B	147.5	0
Gazit Bond C	118.5	0
Gibor Bond 1	85	0
Gibor Bond A	88.1	0
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	611	-0.7
Gibor Warrant 2	90.1	-4.3
Gilboa	77	-2.5
Gilo	180	2.3
Gilotk	1620	0
Gilot Otam Oil	70	-2.9
Glob Ril	721	0
Golan	620	0
Gold	413	0
Golden House	376	0
Golden House Bond 1	247	0
Golex	189.5	0
Granit Bond	144.8	-0.1
Granit Bond 2	148.5	0.3
Green Software	468	2
Greenberg	1550	5.1
H. Electronics	55.5	-7.5
H. Mor	945	0
Habea	2502	-1
Hadran Bond 1	129.5	-0.4
Hader 1	30000	0
Hader 5	75000	-1.2
Hadar Ins. 1	920	0.1
Hadar Ins. 5	3570	-1.4
Hadarim Bond1	113	0
Hadarim Warrant1	1225	-4.9
Hagag	330	0
Hagal Bond B	130	2
Hamashor	397	0
Hanel	4.9	-4.1
Hanel Bond A	485	0
Hanin Esh	700	0
Hason	158.5	-0.9
Hatehol 1	275	-3.6
Hatehol Bond A	140	0
Hayal	3100	0.3
Hayal Bond1	11.1	0
Hayal Bond2	135	0
Hayal Warrant 1	80.1	0
Hed Arzi Music	395	0
Hedin 1	10350	0
Heinn 5	42000	1.4
HL Service Bond 2	181.5	0
HL Service Bond 3	146	0
HL Services	1406	-4
Hod	140	0
Hol	633	0.5
Holit	124.5	-0.4
Home Center	6750	3.7
Hydrolics	123.5	0
IES Industries	570	-0.2
IES Warrant 1	100	0
Ilan Gat	110	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	144.5	0.3
ILDC Bond 6	256	0
ILDC Hotels	500	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	168.7	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	112	0
ILDC Insurance	380	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	131.5	0
Imco	1058	0.5

	LAST	CHANGE*
Ind Bld Warrant 3	45	-6.7
Ind Bldgs. R1	25	0
Ind.Dev.Bank C	286	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3600	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3020	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1777	0
Independance Mort	90300	0
Interzoomo	774	0
Intergamma 1	3640	0
Intergamma 6	12700	0
Iscar	1595	0
Ispro	4080	0
Isracolor	432	0
Israel Corp. 5	126700	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	136.5	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	172.6	0.1
Israform	1018	-0.5
Isralom Bond B	298	0
Isralom Bond C	87	0
Isramco	2.6	0
Isras 1	7190	0
Israel 5	29100	0
Isras Bond A	246	0
ISTA LINES	2550	0
Itay	2810	0
Itay Bond 1	72.2	1
Itay Warrant 1	380	0
Itay Warrant 2	45	0
Jakom Bond A	180	0
Joysour	131	0
Joysour Bond A	101.5	0
JEC Bond B	90	-1.7
Jerusalem Mort	195	-0.1
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	160	0
Jounesse	30.2	0
JOEL	88	-4.5
JOEL Bond 1A	218	0
JOEL Bond 2	122	0
JOEL Bond A	218	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.5	0
Kadmani	157	7.6
Kadour	398	0
kafrice bond b	87	4
kafrice warrant 1	83.7	0
Kafrit	1275	0.5
Kalkalit Bond A	92	0
Kalkalit warrant 2	292	0
Kamour	658	0
Kamour Bond G	127.7	0
Kamsoft	1115	-0.4
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	307	0
Kanicol Bond A	40	0
Kardan 1	520	1.9
Kardan 5	2540	1.6
Katz	128	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3950	0
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenitex	341	0
Kesher	554	0
Kesher Bond A	148.5	0
Keter	624	0
Kind	26.9	0.4
Kind Bond A	52.5	10.1
King	250	5
Kinneret	227	-1.3
Kisch Kirur	177.5	0
Kishrei Tsufa	1100	0
Kitat	339	0
Kitat Bond A	152	0
Kitat Bond A	111.8	0
Kill Ind. 5	5480	0
Koor Bond 5	147.6	-0.4
Kopel	225	4.7
Kopel Bond 1	244	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	120	0
Lachish	3100	0
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	75	0
Lasers	434	-0.5
Lavlav	592	0
Laznick Bldg	460	-4.3
Laznick Comm Ctrs	166.5	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	126.5	0.4
Laznick Ind Bldgs	295	0
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	133.9	0
Leader Warrant B	3.5	0
Lego	469	0
Lesim R4	87.1	-13.1
Lewenthal	413	-3.1
Levi	730	0
Levi Bond A	138	-1.4
Levi Bond B	86.5	0
Levi Warrant 2	78	0
Levinstein Bond A	95.7	0
Levinstein Warrant 2	816	0
Levinstein	1500	0
Liber	333	0
Lidan	1470	9.5
Lifshir 1	178	0
Lilshir 5	603	0
Lipad	709	0
Lipad Bond 1	146.5	0
Lighterage 1	600	0
LIMS	250	0
Lipman	2760	0
Lipsid	2660	-1.5
Lipsid Bond A	165	0.4
Lirsz Bond A	152	-2
Lodan	155	0
Loddia 1	1381	0
Loddia 4	5014	0
Luhot Galil	32.6	0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	137.5	0
Lumir	3960	0
Ma'ariv	3130	-4.5
Ma'ariv Bond A	147	-0.8
Maabarot	1150	0
Maspell	3297	139
Maspell Bond A	138.2	0.6
Maspell Bond B	114.1	0
Maspell Bond C	75.2	0.8
Maspell Warrant 3	62	1.8
Mati	790	0
Megam	148.5	-1
Megem Bond A	167	0
Megem Bond B	125	-0.4
Megiv	144.5	0
Magma	36.3	0.6
Magor 1	2070	0
Magor 5	9980	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	80.5	1.7
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	665	0
Makal	279	0
Mek	467	0.4
Malibu 1	0	0
Malibu 5	0	0
Malibu Bond B	179	0
Malta	780	0
Man	88	0
Man Bond A	215	0
Manitar	27	0
Marathon	84	0
Marathon Insured	99.1	0.1
Mario Leznick Constr. Bond 1	179	0
Mario Leznick Constr. Bond 2	148.2	0
Maritime Bank	1490	2.1
Maritime Bank Bond A	186.5	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	128.5	-0.2
Mashav	809	-1.4
Mashbir	682	0
Meshov	370	-4.1
Meshov	155	-8.9
Metem	1281	0
Metav Warrant 1	1138	-0.8
Maxima 1	338	0
Maxima 5	1570	0
Mezouk	735	-1.6
Med. Hotels	28.4	-2.1
Medtechnics	699	-0.1
Mediterranean Bond A	136.8	0
Mediterranean Bond B	78.3	0
Mediterranean Warrant 2	151	-8
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	51.5	-1.9
Megasron	57.5	0
Meimad	398	0
Meir Ezra	1990	0
Meir Ezra Bond B	248	0
Melet	385	0
Melisseron Bond B	90.4	0.1
Melisseron Warrant 3	40	-8.8
Mendeleon	218	0
Mepolim	37.1	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8450	0
Mercazit	840	-9.5
Merhav	199	0
Meyrav1	316	0
Middle East Tube	390	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	107.5	0.3
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	16.3	0
Millmor Bond A	141	0.1
Millomer Bond B	78.8	0
Millomer Warrant 2	185	0
Minastir	105	0
Mini Line	569	0
Minrav	12750	-0.5
Mirage	219	0
Mirage Bond A	131	2.3
Mirage Warrant 1	16	-17.5
Mironit	60	0
Mishreal	19	0
Mishreal Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	141	0.7
Mishor Hahof	360	0
Mitarani	159	0
Mivtach Shamir	2450	-2.9
Mivtach Shamir	1150	0
Mizrahi	1000	-0.1
Mizrahi warrant 1	418	-1.4
Mizrahi warrant 2	220	-5.5
MM Engineering	100.5	0.5
MM Engineering Bond A	97	-4.9
Modgal	680	0
Modi'in	1	0
Mollat	211	-0.9
Mollat Convertible Bond AAA	298	1.3
Molett	658	0
More Plastic Ind.	373	-0.3
Moshkovitz	154.8	0
MTI Computers	467	0
Mul-T-Lock	743	0
Mula Series	225	0
Nachshon Fund	51.5	0
Naphtha	33	-0.3
Naphtha Oil Exp.	24.1	0.4
Natour	579	-3.1
NATSVA BOND A	88.2	0
Navigator	398	0
Navigator Property	750	0
Nachushtan Bond B	73	0
Nachushtan Prop.	181	-5
Nachushtan Properties Bond A	128	0
Nachushtan Warrant 1	26.5	0
Negev Ceramics	157.5	-0.9
Nehushtan 1	605	0
Nahushtan 5	2540	0
Neot Aviv	7200	0
Nesun	453	0
Neve Arbel	130	-0.4
Newton Hotels	283	0
Nevlet	716	-2.1
Nia	223	0
Nikuv	1150	0
Nilco	2970	3
Nissen	250	-0.4
NMC	300	-1.3
Noga	1859	0
Noga Inscrene	105	0
Nordan	10.9	0
Nordan Tech.	380	0
Norlik	670	0
Norlok Bond A	141.5	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	906	-1
Oceane	282	0
Ocil Bond A	179.5	-0.2
Ocil Bond C	65.2	1.4
Ocil Warrant 2	723	0
Oclove	630	0
Olek	216	0
Olar Bio	5800	8.9
Ollis	1080	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Ogdan	51	0
Ofaliav	474	0
Oil Fields	1	0
Ole-Dok	280	0
Omni	270	-1.1
Oppitech	168.3	0
Ophir	377	-5.3
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	122	-0.8
Orsiya	3062	0
Orsok	389	0
Orsok Bond A	159	0.8
Orde	3890	0
Orda Bond 1	176	0
Orev	847	0
Oriel	118	0
Orlite	280	-2.1
Orlite Bond A	86	0
Orlite Warrant 2	42	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	123	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	152	1.2
Ortal	380	0
Ozar Hashilon	26400	-2.7
Oz	209	0
Oz alida	419	0
Packer Steel	5810	-1.2
Palzough	588	-2.2
PAM	587	1.5
Pama	585	-11.1
Pamas	2550	0
Pan Dor	250	0
Pandee	802	-0.5
Pardes Bond A	61	0
Passport	2040	0
Paz Oren	543	0
PCB	1640	0
Pdan Investment	51.5	9.8
Pereg	95	0
Perlbase	780	-2.2
Phoenix Ins. 5	20000	0
Pica Plast	442	-1.8
Pimros	130.5	0
Pimros Bond A	140.5	0
Pitkit	440	0
Plason bond a	97.1	0
Plason warrant 1	489	0
Plasson	3800	-1.3
Plasto Sac	640	-0.9
Plasto Shack Bond A	85.5	0.6
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	75	-2.7
Poalim Inv. Bond B	90.6	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2650	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	130	-0.8
Poalim Warrant 3	0	0
Point of Sale	2150	-7.4
Polak	234	0
Polgat A	304	-7.6
Polgat B 4	1120	-1.2
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	202	0
Polygon Bond 2	218	0
Poraz	251	-4.4
Port	80.5	0
Poseidon	115.7	0
Pri Haemek	18.4	0
Pri Haemek Bond A	33.3	0
Prizker	197	2.6
Prizker Bond A	140.5	0
Profit	303	0
Profit Bond A	128	0
Python	484	0
Quality Cap Mkts	4.85	0
Rahimex	199.5	0
Ram Zur	84	6.4
Ramgor 1	277	-1.1
Ramgor 4	702	0
Rapak	2500	-2
Rapak Bond A	153	0
Rasco	1048	0
Rato	1	0
Rav Car	113.4	-11.1
Rawad	179	0
RDC	1089	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Tandy Corp	59.75	-1.3125
Telecom Corp	33.75	-1.5
Telefonos de Mex	47.4375	-1.3125
Telef De Espana	142.25	-2.75
Temple Inland	50.3125	-2.25
Tenneco	36.125	-0.5625
Teva Pharm Ind	28.75	-0.0625
Texaco Inc	21.9125	-1.1875
Texas Pet	15.375	-0.625
Texas Utilities	56.25	-0.0625
Textron Inc	58.5	-1.625
Thermo Electron	30.875	-0.9375
Thermo Instrument Sys	70.4375	-3.5625
Tidewater		
Times Mirror	41.875	-1.5625
TimeWarner	24.25	-0.25
Timken	86.375	-3.875
Tosco Corp	58.75	-1.5
Toys R Us	20.5	-0.6875
Transamerica	41.125	-2.25
Transco Energy	26.5	-1.375
Travelers Grp	22.4375	-0.9375
Tribune	113.688	-5.125
Triton Energy	62.8125	-1.25
Tyco Int'l Ltd	51.8125	-3.5
Unicom	67.3125	-1.3125
Union Pacific	15.8125	-0.375
Unisys Corp	7	-0.4375
US Bancorp	59.5375	-2.5
USAir Group	8.375	-0.75
USF&G Corp		
US Home	35.75	-1
US Surgical	45	-1.625
US Trust	76.875	-2.875
US West	51.25	-2.125
United Tech	53.25	-3.5
Unocal Corp	31.6875	-0.875
UAL Corp	74.8125	-2.375
USG Corp	50.3125	-1.6875
UST Inc	26.9375	-0.125
USX-Marathon	32.4375	-0.8125
USX-US Steel	25.1875	-1.1875
Ultramar Diam	26.625	-0.125
Unicom Corp	34	-1
Unilever PLC	38.875	-0.0625
Unilever NV	68.0625	-1.5625
Union Camp	42.1875	-0.1875
Union Carbide	46.875	-0.8125
Union Pacific	40.9375	-0.8125
Unisys Corp	22.6875	-0.4375
USAIR Group	71.0625	-0.125
USF&G Corp		
US Home	35.75	-1
US Surgical	45	-1.625
US Trust	76.875	-2.875
US West	51.25	-2.125
United Tech	53.25	-3.5
Unocal Corp	31.6875	-0.875
VF Corp	46.5625	-1
VIRAX Pharmaceutic	0.96875	-0.03125
Valero Energy	23.1875	-0.8125
Varian Assoc	34.3125	-0.25
Viacom Inc	54.375	-2.25
Vishay	12	-0.875
Vulcan Materials	111.313	-3.3125
Wachovia	81.375	-2.125
Walgreen	42.875	-1.0625
Wal-Mart Stores	58.375	-2.25
Warner-Lambert	59.125	-6.3125
Wash Gas Light	23.625	-0.375
Washington Mutu	37.7188	-1.71875
Washington Post	535	-8.9375
Waste Mgmnt Inc		
Watkins-Johnson	22.25	-0.5625
Wells Fargo	329	-1.3
Wendy's Int'l	21	-0.9375
Westvaco	24.25	-0.0625
Weyerhaeuser	40.1875	-1.25
Whirlpool	60.25	-0.625
Whittman	20.5	-0.5625
Williams Co	29.9375	-2.125
Winn Dixie Stor	40.1875	-1.0625
Woolworth	13.0625	-0.75
World Comm	48.625	-3.25
Worthington Ind	14.0625	+0
Wrigley	86.875	-3
Xerox	98.125	-4.75
Yahoo	85.125	-1.3125
Yellow Freight	16	-0.0625
Zero Co	28	0

LONDON

Allied Domecq	556	0
BAT Ind	675	+4.5
BT	841	0
BTR	157	+2
Barclays	1720	-3
Bass	989	-3
Boots	1010	-16
British Airways	605	-12.5
Comm Union plc	1200	+10
Diageo	694	-12.5
General Electric	476	+4
Glaxo	1883	+12
Hanson	705	-20
HSBC (75p shs)	1428	-59
ICI	770	-17
Land Securities	828	-6
Lloyds Bank	829	-20.5
Marks & Spencer	501	-11
NatWest Bank	1145	+109
Prudential	847	-4
Reuters	605	+10
Sainsbury	517	-14.5
Shell Transport	392	+0
Tesco Intl	3850	0
Unilever	500.5	+5
Zeneca	2310	-19

PARIS

Accor	1502	-19
Air Liquide	915	-25
Alcatel Alsthom	1160	+0
Euro Disney	10.3	-0.4
Moulinex	134.6	+5.3
Pantiac	534	-9
Pernod Ricard	406	-8.6
Peugeot	1125	-1
Saint Gobain	999	-2

	LAST	CHANGE*
FRANKFURT		
Bayer	79.5	-0.2
Daimler-Benz	175.5	-1.9
Lufthansa	47.4	-0.15
Mannesmann	182.8	-0.9
Metallgesellschaft	37.8	-0.2
Volkswagen	199	-0.9

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 4-AUG-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Backen (1)	3.8899	+0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.65	+0
British Pound (1)	5.9575	+0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0469	+0
French Franc (1)	0.6155	+0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.522	-22.536
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4317	+0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.4129	+0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0748	+0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.1648	-0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8487.31	-299.43
DJ Transport	3087.28	-110.77
DJ Utils	273.74	-6.59
DJ Comp	2673.84	-89.95
NYSE Industr	564.01	-22.17
NYSE Transport	452.29	-17.19
NYSE Comp	541.36	-19.53
S&P 100	525.64	-20.16
S&P Spot Index	1072.15	-40.29

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5736.1	-73.6
Tokyo Nikkei	16023.5	-141.5
Singapore all-share index	30138	0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	7560.8	-28.1
Paris CAC 40	4047.88	-47.15
DAX	5756.77	-115.15
Madrid	907.84	-6.13
Sydney	2682.3	0
Milan	1508.02	-36.99

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6362	+0.0019
Sep future (CME)	1.6318	+0.0086
D-mark: spot	1.773	+0.0025
Sep future (CME)	.56490	0
S-franc spot	1.4907	-0.0098
Sep future (CME)	0.6729	+0.0042
Yen: spot	144.95	-0.76
Sep future (CME)	0.006941	-3.3e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5162	+0.0003
Sep future (CME)	0.6603	+0.0001
AusDlr: spot	0.6055	+0.0037
Sep future (CME)	0.6052	+0.0027
F-franc: spot	5.947	-0.0038
It Lira: spot	1745	-16
Ntg: spot	1.9953	-0.0075
AuStalg: spot	12.5207	0
Rand: spot	6.19	+0.015
ECU: spot	1.112	+0.003

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1554	+19
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	129	-1.9
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	247.25	-3.5
Soybean (Sep) (CBOT)	551.5	-4.25
Sugar (Oct) (CEC)	8.71	-0.02
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	108.35	+0.55
Crude Oil (Sep)(NYMEX)	13.75	+0.05
Bonds Sep future	123.563	+0.21875
S and P Sep future	1073	0

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1066	+11
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1668	-48
Brent crude oil (Sep)(IPE)	1270	0

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.45	+0.09

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	2925	0
Silver (Sep)	5.453	+0.093
Platinum (Oct)	377	+5.8
Palladium (Sep)	294	-7.2
High-grade copper (Sep)	7390	0

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	285.7	-0.95
Gold PM fix	286.1	+0
Silver fix	538.5	-2.2

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 4-AUG-98)

Dow plunges 299.43 points

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks plunged yesterday, with selling picking up in the final minutes of trading as the Dow industrials tumbled 299.43 points in the third-biggest point loss ever.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 8,487.31, in a selloff that brought its losses to 9.1 percent, or 850.66 points, from the record 9,337.97 of July 17.

The 299-point drop in heavy trading was a fall of 3.4%.

Only the 554.26-point loss of October 27, 1997 and the 508.00-point fall of October 19, 1987 were bigger. But in percentage terms, the drop was not close to a record.

The accelerating slide, extending big losses of the past 2-1/2 weeks, raised questions about the staying power of a bull market that had seen the Dow nearly quadruple since October 1990.

While Wall Street's best-known indicator still is up 7.3% so far this year, that is less than half of the 18.1% gain it had compiled when it peaked last month.

Broader market indicators also retreated sharply.

The Standard and Poor's 500 index was down 40.32 at 1,072.12, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index was down 65.44 at 1,785.66.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 5-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks fell for the fourth day, led by Bank Leumi, after its mortgage lending unit posted a greater-than-expected drop in second-quarter profit.

Shares in Bank Leumi, the nation's second-largest bank by assets, fell 1.59 percent to NIS 6.81, pushing the Maof index of 25 largest companies down 0.20% to 325.40.

Thirteen shares fell, eight rose and four closed unchanged.

Demand for mortgages fell as immigration slowed, reducing demand for new housing for the second year.

"Mortgages have been in a poor state," said Micha Goldberg, an analyst at Zannex Securities. "With inflation falling and demand dropping [mortgage banks] are operating on very low margins."

Inflation fell to about 4.5% in the first six months of the year.

Leumi Mortgage Bank, which contributes about 8% to its parent bank's bottom line, said second-quarter profit fell 28% to NIS 14.3 million ($3.92m.), from NIS 19.8m. a year ago, as margins on interest income narrowed.

Analysts at Ofek Securities & Investment forecast a profit of NIS 16.7m. for the nation's second-largest mortgage institution after Tefahot Israel Mortgage Bank.

Shares in Leumi Mortgage are unchanged at NIS 800 since July 29.

STOCKS



Maof 325.4 ▼ 0.2%

Dow Jones 8487 ▼ 3.4%

FTSE 5736.1 ▼ 1.27%

Nikkei 16023.58 ▼ 0.88%

Analysts said they expect Bank Leumi, whose shares declined for a fourth straight day, to post a drop in its second-quarter profit.

Shares in its largest rival, Bank Hapoalim, also fell.

Its shares dropped 1.13% to 10.46 shekels, declining for the third day in a row.

Leumi Insurance Holdings, one of the nation's largest insurers, fell 1.4% to NIS 2.11 on expectations second-quarter profit will fall because of a decline in profit from investments, analysts said.

The insurer, which invests more than 90% of its funds in Israel, has been hurt by the slowdown in the economy, which is expected to continue for the rest of the year.

Asia

Japan's stocks fell for a second day as signs of weakness on Wall Street heightened concern the country's foundering economy may act as a drag on growth in the US as well as in Asia.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. and Sony Corp. led the decline after stocks hit a six-week low in New York on Monday.

Falls in share prices in Hong Kong and other regional markets yesterday added to investors' worries.

"It's becoming clear the US is in no way immune from Asia's ills," said Yoshio Inamura, an assistant general manager at Tokyo-Mitsubishi Asset Management Ltd. "And it's obvious that Japan is making Asia sicker."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index fell 141.50 points, or 0.88%, to 16,023.58 – its lowest since July 28, when it closed at 15,944.54 as investors registered their disapproval of Keizo Obuchi's ascension to Japan's premiership.

The broader Topix index of all companies on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange slipped 10.63 points, or 0.85%, to 1234.61.

"The new government has yet to articulate a plausible scenario for cleaning up the bad-loan mess," said Kumio Hatae, a manager at Tokyo Securities Co.'s equity department.

Europe

UK stocks fell, led by banks and exporters, on renewed concern the Bank of England will leave interest rates unchanged at 7.5%, the highest level for eight years.

"It looks like the rate will be unchanged," said John Hatherly, the head of research at M&G Investment Management Ltd., which has £10 billion ($16.3b.) in equities.

"There are still wage rate pressures, and the rate is certainly high enough to be a worry for profits in some sectors."

The FTSE 100 fell for the third day, down 73.6 points or 1.27%, to 5736.1.

The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee opens a two-day meeting today and will announce tomorrow at noon whether it is going to raise rates.

Orange Plc and Vodafone Plc, two mobile-phone network operators, fell after rival One 2 One Ltd., a venture between Cable & Wireless Plc and US West Media Group Inc., said it plans to increase its share of the mobile phone market.

Vodafone fell 25p to 813, Orange fell 18p to 761 and British Telecommunications Plc, which owns 60% of the fourth network, Cellnet, fell 33p to 841.

"They've had an excellent run, and while the market's come down about five percent, a lot them haven't," said Nigel Thomas, the director of ABN Amro Asset Management's £40m. UK Growth Fund.

He said he sold some of his Vodafone shares last week.

(Bloomberg)

Yen gains as Japan says it may sell dollars

The dollar fell against the yen for the first time in five days after Japanese finance officials suggested they would sell dollars to bolster the yen.

Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said officials may step in to the foreign exchange market when currency moves become "disruptive."

His remarks helped pull the dollar from near the eight-year high it reached in June, the day before the Japanese and US central banks sold the US currency.

"The remarks put some caution back into the market," said Jesse Torres, chief currency trader at Bank Austria. "They're afraid that a weakening currency would cause more problems and feel they may need to come in and defend it."

The dollar fell to 145.03 yen from 145.52 yen late Monday in New York. Some traders expect the yen to quickly resume its decline and view yesterday's dollar drop as an opportunity to buy dollars cheap. Torres said he sold yen and bought marks.

The US currency was little changed at 1.7837 marks, from 1.7844 marks Monday.

Miyazawa yesterday backpedaled on remarks he made Thursday that the performance of Japan's economy should determine the yen's value. He said yesterday that didn't mean the government won't sell dollars for yen when currency market shifts disrupt the economy.

Concern the US and Japanese central banks might buy yen for dollars also was fueled as Haruhiko Kuroda, director-general of the International Bureau of the Finance Ministry, said "there's no doubt that the yen is excessively weak."

He added that Japan is "ready to take appropriate action on the yen when necessary" because the yen's weakness isn't good for Japan, Asia and the rest of the world.

The yen's weakness can lower the attractiveness of some Japanese stocks and, by cutting the price of Japanese exports, can put pressure on Japan's trade rivals to let their currencies weaken. Since many of those nations also compete with China, the yen's weakness also puts pressure on the yuan.

"If Japan were to allow the yen to weaken considerably, then China may let the yuan weaken to maintain their competitiveness overseas," said Tom Arnold, chief currency trader at Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank.

A "radically weaker yen would hurt Japan's equity markets, and that's not good because you want positive cash flow."

The yen also got a boost after Miyazawa proposed tax cuts that could revive consumer spending and help power the economy out of recession.

Miyazawa yesterday proposed lowering Japan's top income tax rate to 50% from 65%, he told reporters after a meeting with members of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's tax panel.

He also said the tax burden at every income level will be lightened and the reductions could exceed the 6 trillion yen pledged by Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi.

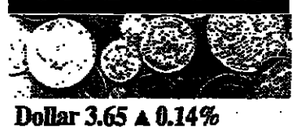
In addition, a senior ministry official said income and corporate tax cuts will take effect in January.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Mike Metcalf, a currency strategist at NatWest Markets in London.

"Short-term, it's good for the yen," although he said he's recommending his clients buy dollars at this level, because he expects the US currency to rebound as high as 145 or 146 yen.

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CURRENCIES



Dollar 3.65 ▲ 0.14%

Basket 3.8899 ▲ 0.23%

Mark 2.0496 ▲ 0.27%

Sterling 5.9575 ▲ 0.56%

Crude oil rises amid new Iraq tension

Energy

Crude oil for September delivery rose as much as 18 cents, or 1.3 percent, to $13.88 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday.

Traders speculate that exports from Iraq might be disrupted after United Nations chief weapons inspector Richard Butler cut short his visit to Iraq and said arms talks in Baghdad were at an impasse.

In February, the last time talks broke down, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan had to broker a deal to stave off a US-led military strike. Iraq depends on the UN for permission for limited oil exports that are an exception to economic sanctions imposed in 1990. Those sales account for more than 2% of the world oil supply.

After yesterday's trading, the American Petroleum Institute was due to issue its inventory report that will give traders evidence of demand and supply in the US, the world's biggest petroleum market.

Precious metals

Almazyuvelirexport, the Russian government's precious metals export agency, said Friday that it signed sales contracts with Japanese trading houses, easing shortage concerns. Palladium exports were disrupted this year by political upheavals in Russia, boosting prices as much as 80 percent to a record $419 an ounce in May on the Nymex.

COMMODITIES



Gold $286.25 ▲ 3.3%

Crude Oil $12.73 ▲ 0.17%

CRB 204.87 ▲ 0.18%

Others

Coffee for September delivery fell as much as 2.5 cents, or 1.9 percent, to $1.284 a pound on the Coffee, Cocoa and Sugar Exchange. Recent shipments of coffee from Indonesia have helped add supply to the market, according to GNI Ltd., a London-based commodity firm. Yet most of these shipments will be heading to Europe rather than the US, which typically imports beans from South American growers.

The bulk of exports from Brazil, Colombia and other Latin American growers won't be shipped until later this year. Soybeans for November delivery are expected to open 1 cent to 2 cents higher from $5.52 a bushelon the Chicago Board of Trade.

(Bloomberg)

Palladium is an essential component in automobile catalytic converters and cellular phones and used in dental fillings and jewelry.

Gold for December delivery rose as much as $2.80, or 1.0%, to $290.70 an ounce from a six-month low as Japanese officials promised to support the yen, boosting the currency and improving gold's demand prospects by making it less expensive for the world's seventh-largest gold consumer.

US bonds fall as dollar declines vs. yen

US bonds fell for the first time in four days as the dollar dropped after a Japanese official said the government is prepared to sell dollars for yen to bolster the ailing currency.

"The dollar story has caught people's attention," in the bond market, causing bonds to sag, said Matthew Alexy, chief bond strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston.

A weaker dollar reduces the attraction of Treasury debt to international investors because the bonds' interest and principal payments are worth less when converted into other currencies.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 1/4, or $2.50 per $1,000 bond, pushing the yield up 2 basis points to 5.67 percent.

The two-year note's yield rose 1 basis point to 5.45%.

Bonds fell with US currency after Haruhiko Kuroda, the director-general of the Japanese Finance Ministry's International Bureau, said Japan is ready to take appropriate action on the yen when necessary.

"There's no doubt the yen is excessively weak," he said.

The dollar fell as low as 144.25 yen, from 145.52 yen Monday, and was at 145.10 yen.

"The fact that just the threat of intervention is enough to bring Treasuries lower shows how much the market is dominated by sentiment on the dollar just now," said Andy Bevan, the senior bond economist at Goldman Sachs International.

Bonds also fell as WorldCom Inc., Husky Oil Ltd. and other companies readied sales of at least $6 billion of new bonds, that will offer a higher yielding alternative to Treasuries.

WorldCom's sale of as much as $5 billion of debt, divided among various maturities, is one of the largest corporate bond sales ever and is part of its $37 billion purchase of MCI Communications Corp.

"There's a decent amount of corporate paper coming," Alexy at Credit Suisse First Boston said.

Wall Street firms managing corporate bond sales often hedge against possible losses by selling government securities before the corporate issues are sold.

Japan's central bank last stepped in to prop up the sagging yen on June 17, one day after the currency touched an eight-year low of 146.78 yen per dollar.

The US Federal Reserve also sold dollars for yen on the same day, pushing the dollar down as much as six yen and prompting a rout in bonds. (Bloomberg)

BONDS



US 30-year T-bill yield

5.67 ▲ 0.02

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Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

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Swiss franc	2.4137	2.4527	2.37	2.49	2.4317
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Summer Test series heads for Headingley

NOW that the World Cup and Wimbledon are over, and we have a few days rest before the football season begins, the stage is set for a grand finale of the summer Test series between England and South Africa.

Headingley is the venue for the fifth and final Test which starts tomorrow and though England's record is not good in recent years (three draws and two losses at the ground since 1992), Alec Stewart's team hold the momentum after their convincing win in the fourth Test at Trent Bridge.

Statistically, English cricket has been on a downward spiral since 1945 with just 97 wins in 224 Tests. And with England not having won a five-Test series since they beat Australia in 1986-7, the time is right for what would be a dramatic series win.

And though this series has been short of characters like Lillee and Botham, there has been a superb individual battle between arguably the two best players of each team, Michael Atherton and Allan Donald.

Vic Marks, cricket correspondent of *The Observer* described Atherton and Donald as being "embroiled in one of the most mesmerizing cricketing duels of the decade with Atherton sucking the energy from the pace-man's body."

Since he was relieved of the captaincy, Atherton has blossomed into what critics always believed he had the potential to be – a world class opener of the old-fashioned style.

It is indeed a welcome sight for English eyes to see a batsman go to the crease and put pressure on the bowlers to get him out.

London Calling



Mark Rivlin

THIS weekend the football season kicks off. The Nationwide League's and pick of the bunch is the First Division clash between Crystal Palace and Bolton, both of whom were relegated from the Premiership last season.

Palace have been taken over by businessman Mark Goldberg whose first signing was the high profile Terry Venables. Much is expected from the former England coach, but Palace's pre-season form has been poor.

Interestingly, Goldberg's predecessor Ron Noades has swapped the boardroom for the dugout having taken over as owner-manager at Third Division Brentford who host Mansfield.

Noades made his money in property and was always heavily involved in decision-making at Palace. Noades is 62 and has no playing or managerial experience in league football but he does have an FA coaching qualification and he is a registered referee. "The league managers association is not exactly greeting me with open arms – they are all waiting for me to fall flat on my face," Noades remarked recently.

There will be a great deal of interest in the lowly Second Division this season with Manchester City pounding the boards. You can be sure of one thing: Whatever division the Maine Road side are in, they are sure to attract a huge following. City entertain the might of Blackpool on Saturday and a sell-out 31,000 crowd is expected. New chairman David Bernstein is not going to find it easy to gain credibility with fans after the disastrous reign of Francis Lee, and with a £3.5 million debt it will be essential for the club to win promotion and have good Cup runs.

Meanwhile, it's business as usual at the rich end of football with Spurs defender Sol Campbell threatening to quit the club if they do not meet his demands for a sizable increase on his £12,000 per week salary. Campbell has been in Italy negotiating with the two Milan clubs. And with Brian Laudrup and Marcel Desailly, new signings at Chelsea, reportedly earning £40,000 per week, Campbell has a lot of leeway for negotiation.

Spare a thought for poor Wimbledon. Quoted at 300-1 to win the title, manager Joe Kinnear has been scouring the lower leagues for talent but cannot afford to pay the prices and salaries demanded these days. "I tried to tempt Mark Hughes here from Chelsea, but he wanted £20,000 per week and went to Southampton.

With so many quality players from abroad snapped up by our competitors, this might just be the season we go down," Kinnear said on Monday.

THE sports story of last week was the retirement of athlete Roger Black who decided to quit after being overlooked for an individual slot for the European championships. Black, British captain, Olympic silver medalist, double European champion bowed out of the sport in the Grand Prix event at Sheffield on Sunday. He had been critical of the selectors' decision to leave him out of the Budapest championships after he had come third in the trials last week. It was clear at Sheffield what the fans thought of him – they waited in a queue for an hour and a half to get an autograph after the meet.

ONCE, in protest, pull out of French cycling events

MADRID (Reuters) – ONCE have decided to pull out of three major French cycling events in protest at the treatment of Spanish riders at this year's Tour de France, a team source said yesterday.

The Spanish team will miss the tours of Limousin and Porvenir and the high-profile Paris-Tours race.

"We are not going to participate in these three events in France because of what happened on the Tour," the source said.

"Our riders are simply not ready to race again so soon afterwards. They have been greatly affected psychologically and are demoralized.

"It wouldn't be appropriate to race at the moment. The cyclists are not in a position to enjoy racing at this time."

ONCE pulled out of the Tour de France, which limped into Paris on Sunday after three weeks of doping scandals, four days before the finish in response to the treatment of its riders.

Police raided the ONCE hotel during the Tour. The team are also angry that their doctor Nicolas Terrados has been placed under investigation on doping charges.

Terrados, backed up by the cycling director of the team Manuel Saiz, has insisted that drugs found by the police were normal medicines for use by non-racing members of the team.

Cricket authorities to employ soccer hooligan control tactics

LEEDS (AP) – Cricket fans at the fifth Test between England and South Africa starting at Headingley tomorrow will be subjected to the same security tactics as those used to control soccer hooligans.

The Western Terrace at Headingley, which accommodates 6,000 spectators, has been the scene of trouble in previous years and West Yorkshire police have pinpointed the area for extra security.

Police will use plain-clothed "spotters" with knowledge of known local hooligans and video surveillance equipment – the first time such tactics have been used at a Test match in England.

Inspector David Boyle, who is supervising police security at the five-day match, said he would use methods developed by the National Football Intelligence Unit to combat unlawful behavior in the crowd.

"There is increasing evidence that people are attending in order to extend their football xenophobia within cricket," Boyle said yesterday.

"We have seen this in the wearing of football strips, the football banners in the crowd and the organized chanting which has been seen at cricket.

"(There is) the possibility that people involved in football violence are coming to cricket."

Headingley was the scene of an attack on Australian player Tim Zoehrer by a spectator after an Ashes match in 1993, while a pig's head was paraded around the crowd during the Pakistan tour in 1992.

An alcohol ban will be placed on the Western Terrace, while restrictions will be imposed in other areas of the ground.

A ban on outrageous costumes imposed during the third Test between England and South Africa at Old Trafford will also be repeated.

SPORTS *in brief*

Caesarea golf

The Avnaim uncle/nephew partnership of Shlomo and 13-year-old Eliran scored an excellent 44 points to win the better ball stableford competition at Caesarea's Golf Club last week. Eliran with nine pars, shot an 82 gross for the day.

Ben Hoffman and Shmuelik Futeran were second with 42 points and the father/son duo of Dudley and Liran Kessel finished third on 41.

In the ongoing Eli Kirshner matchplay tournament, the first four of the 32 contestants to move into the second round are Jeff Strubel (3 and 1 over Meir Assayag), Ephraim Katzman (5 and 4 over Hanel Hacham), Gerald Kessler (4 and 3 over Moshe Zarkover) and Amos Amir with a walkover against the injured Morris Portner. *Heather Chait*

Forest fine on-strike Van Hooijdonk

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters) – Dutch World Cup striker Pierre Van Hooijdonk has been fined by Nottingham Forest after failing to return to the newly-promoted English premier league club for pre-season training yesterday.

Van Hooijdonk has told manager Dave Bassett he will not play for Forest again after having a transfer request turned down.

The player submitted a written transfer request through his agent, insisting he wasn't prepared to "let his career go down the pan" by staying at the City Ground in a squad "not good enough" to survive in the premier league.

Rangers sign Hendry, McCoist to Kilmarnock

GLASGOW (Reuters) – Glasgow Rangers brought World Cup captain Colin Hendry home to Scotland from Blackburn Rovers yesterday on a £4 million four-year contract.

Former Rangers and Scotland striker Ally McCoist meanwhile joined Kilmarnock on a one-year contract.

Hendry helped Blackburn to the English league title in the 1994-95 season and has been capped 34 times.

Arazi kicked out of Dutch tournament

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) – Morroco's Hicham Arazi was kicked out of an ATP clay court tournament in Amsterdam yesterday for unsportsmanlike conduct in his first round match against Sweden's Magnus Norman.

Arazi was disqualified after receiving a third code violation when trailing 5-1 in the second set. The Moroccan won the first 11-9 in a tie-break.

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TV turns baseball into National Past Time

MY CALL

By BILL PLASCHKE

It's a clear, breezy Saturday night, a perfect baseball night and nearly 200 fans expectantly crowd the Anaheim Angels' Edison Field ticket windows.

One is cursing. One is shouting. Another is bouncing a crying baby on his shoulders, shutting his eyes, shaking his head.

It's a perfect baseball night. Problem is, there is no baseball.

To the shock of those gathered, the game between the Anaheim Angels and Boston Red Sox was over before it started.

The 7 p.m. starting time on their tickets had been changed to 1 p.m.

For what has sadly become a perfectly acceptable reason.

Television.

Rarely a season passes in this town that some paying customers are not inconvenienced by their favorite team's answering to a higher authority.

In this age of billion-dollar network contracts, fans have grown to sense that they don't matter. When TV can change the starting time on their ticket weeks before that game, their feelings are confirmed.

The national Fox network simply thought last Saturday's Angel-Red Sox game would be a better regional telecast than the Houston Astros-Pittsburgh Pirates.

So, 23 days earlier, it made the Angels switch starting times, as allowed by contract.

"What is happening speaks volumes about to whom sports is trying to market itself," said David Carter, sports management consultant who teaches at USC. "Clearly, that is corporate America, and the everyday fan gets lost in the shuffle."

Every day, everywhere.

Want to plan now to attend a local college football game? It's amazing how so many of them are starting at the same time – TBA.

Fans wishing to be at USC for the Halloween homecoming against Washington are going to have to wait until as late as 10 days before the game to find when it's going to be played.

Want to go to what could be the most important Los Angeles Dodger game this season? Look at your pocket schedule, the final Saturday, at home against Milwaukee.

Yep, it's that time again. TBA.

According to its agreement with major league baseball, Fox doesn't need to announce which games it wants on that final Saturday – or when – until five days beforehand.

The Angels said they made several announcements since learning of the time change on July 9. They said they sent letters to season-ticket holders. They put messages on radio and TV. They asked local newspapers to help.

"You don't expect the tickets to say something, and the game to say something else," said one outraged fan.

We expect games to start later because of TV. We expect games to last longer because of TV. We even aren't surprised when a sport like hockey changes its most basic piece of equipment, the puck, to make it more viewer friendly.

Where it hits us hardest is those tickets. Fans who have long since been unable to trust the owner to stabilize prices or the general manager to acquire good players ... those fans can now can no longer even trust what is printed on the tickets.

Oh, except for one part: "Game time subject to change. No refunds or exchanges."

The Angels, however, took care of their customers Saturday. They offered similar tickets to other games, and refunds for some. Others in town react similarly in those situations.

"Fans call and complain about our TBA's, but all you have to do is tell them it's because of TV," said John Tamanaha, USC assistant sports information director. "Then they say, 'Oh, yeah, OK. We understand.'"

As if we have a choice.

(Los Angeles Times)

Ivanisevic outserves Lareau for win

TORONTO (Reuters) – Tenth-seeded Croatian Goran Ivanisevic disappointed record crowds on the first day of the $4,450,000 Canadian Open by defeating Canadian Sebastien Lareau 7-6 (14-12), 7-6 (7-4) on Monday.

A civic holiday in Toronto and a promotion that allowed families to enter for free resulted in a total of 20,346 fans crowding the site.

MaliVai Washington of the United States posted the only upset of the day when he beat 13th-seeded Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands 7-6 (7-2) 6-3.

In a match between the Black brothers from Zimbabwe, Wayne, 24 and ranked 105th, defeated Byron, 28 and ranked 32nd, 6-4 6-0.

In other first-round matches, Australian Scott Draper outlasted American Jim Courier 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 and 14th-seeded Aussie Mark Philippoussis won 6-4, 6-3 over American Doug Flach.

"Today I served very good in the tiebreaks," Ivanisevic said. "Usually the advantage in a tiebreak goes to the guy who serves bigger and better and in this case it was me."

Ivanisevic, who lost in the first round last week in Los Angeles, is still haunted by losing to world No. 1 Pete Sampras in the Wimbledon final last month.

"Even half the time today, I was thinking about Wimbledon and I'm still having trouble finding my motivation," Ivanisevic said. "I'm thinking if I could have made those two service returns (on set points in the second-set tiebreak), I could have won Wimbledon."

Testud advances

Sandrine Testud of France won her last 11 games to storm past American teenage amateur Alexandra Stevenson 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 on the opening day of the $450,000 Toshiba Tennis Classic at Carlsbad, California.

In other first-round play, all involving unseeded players, Mary Pierce of France dismissed Austrian Barbara Paulus 6-3, 7-5; 1997 French Open champion Iva Majoli of Croatia stopped France's Alexandra Fusai 7-6 (7-1), 6-3; and 1995 finalist Lisa Raymond of the US won when Russian Elena Likhovtseva retired with a left thigh strain trailing 6-2, 5-1.

In a qualifying match, two-time winner Jennifer Capriati of the US, attempting another comeback, fought her way into the main draw by rallying past Nathalie Dechy of France 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 6-1.

"It's a humbling experience," said Capriati, 22. "But it makes me more determined."

Three world No. 1's, past and present, are featured in the weeklong hardcourt event: top-ranked defending champion Martina Hingis, Steffi Graf and Monica Seles.

Only Graf was to see action yesterday, opposing France's Julie Halard-Decugis.



PARTY POOPER – Goran Ivanisevic returns a serve from Canadian Sebastien Lareau during qualifying rounds at the Canadian Open in Toronto on Monday. Ivanisevic defeated the local favorite, 7-6, 7-6. (Reuters)

NY auction house to sell Calumet Farm collection

LEXINGTON (AP) – A New York auction house that recently held a controversial sale of memorabilia linked to President John F. Kennedy said Monday it is accepting bids for the disputed Calumet Farm trophy collection.

The more than 500 gold, silver and pewter trophies, urns, goblets, julep cups and other mementos are the most visible legacy of Calumet, home to Triple Crown winners Citation and Whirlaway and the horse racing equivalent of basketball's Boston Celtics or baseball's New York Yankees.

Guernsey's auction house said potential buyers have until August 31 to register with the auction house for a sale that would be staged in US Bankruptcy Court in Lexington on Sept. 17.

Because the state and the Save the Calumet Trophies Committee have already made a $2.7 million offer that would keep the trophies on public display at Kentucky Horse Park, bidders must be willing to pay at least $2.81m and must buy the collection in one piece, Guernsey's said.

Guernsey's president Arlan Ettinger said he is aware that a sale to an out-of-state or private buyer would be unpopular.

"I'm sort of an in an awkward position," he said. "We don't want to be the bad guys, but we have a fiduciary responsibility to do our best (for Calumet's creditors)."

He said bidders will not initially be asked to name a price, but simply to show they are capable of paying $2.81m for the collection. Ettinger said Guernsey's has appraised the collection at between $4.3m and $5.2m. But he said the requirement that the collection be bought in one piece may scare away some buyers and cited "the difficulty of generating attention in less than a month."

In March, Guernsey's staged a controversial auction of Kennedy memorabilia over objections by the Kennedy children that some items were too personal and should remain with the family and government seizure of some items that were said to belong the American people.

Ettinger said that while he understands the strong Kentucky sentiment in favor of keeping the trophies at the horse park, the collection's significance is global.

"One could argue that every Picasso belongs back in France," he said. "This is a collection that belongs to the world."

BASEBALL

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Marlins 11, Astros 3

Andy Larkin won for the first time in nearly three months and Gregg Zaun had four RBI as the Marlins pounded visiting Houston.

Larkin (3-6) yielded three runs and five hits over 6⅔ innings. He snapped a personal four-game losing streak and earned his first victory since May 9, a stretch that included a demotion to the minor leagues.

Moises Alou, traded in the Marlins' cost-cutting purge after their World Series triumph, got a standing ovation when he went to bat in the second inning, but finished 0-for-4.

Derek Bell and Carl Everett homered for Houston.

Brewers 6, Cardinals 5

Jeromy Burnitz's two-run homer snapped a fifth-inning tie and Steve Woodard (9-5) allowed three runs over six-plus innings as the Brewers won at home.

Burnitz's 26th homer of the season gave him two homers and seven RBI in the first three days of August, going 4-for-12.

Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire went 1-for-4 with two strikeouts, narrowly missing his 46th homer in the top of the sixth when he laced a 2-2 pitch off the top of the left-field fence and settled for a double.

It was the sixth straight game McGwire has gone without a homer, spanning 22 at-bats.

Expos 6, Padres 1

Former Padre Dustin Hermanson and Steve Kline combined on a four-hitter and Vladimir Guerrero had a two-run homer as host Montreal earned a split of its four-game series.

Hermanson (9-9) saw his shutout bid end when Greg Myers' two-out single plated Tony Gwynn in the ninth. Hermanson allowed one run and four hits.

Rockies 7, Pirates 2

Bobby Jones (5-4) tossed eight stellar innings and helped himself with a pair of run-scoring singles and Jeff Reed went 4-for-4 as Colorado handed Pittsburgh its fifth straight home loss.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees 14, Athletics 1

Mike Oquist became the first pitcher to give up 14 earned runs in 21 years, and Chuck Knoblauch homered twice and drove in a career-high five runs as visiting New York Yankees overwhelmed Oakland.

Oquist (6-9) set a franchise record for runs allowed and gave up 16 hits in five innings. With the Yankees and Athletics scheduled to play a doubleheader yesterday, Oakland saved its bullpen by sacrificing Oquist, who lost his fourth straight decision.

Bill Travers was the last major leaguer to allow 14 earned runs, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. He did it in August 1977, in 7⅔ innings of Milwaukee's loss to Cleveland.

Darryl Strawberry and Paul O'Neill also homered as the Yankees tied their season high by connecting four times. Matt Stairs tied an Athletics franchise record by homering in his fifth straight game.

Orlando Hernandez (6-3) pitched a three-hitter and struck out eight in his second complete game. New York won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Mariners 3, Red Sox 1

Rookie Shane Monahan's first major league homer, a two-run shot in the seventh inning, gave Ken Cloude and Seattle s a home victory.

Monahan, playing in his 20th game with the Mariners, hit a line drive over the right-field fence off John Wasdin (5-4) to break a 1-1 tie. Wasdin hit Jay Buhner with a pitch to open the inning.

Cloude (6-7) won his third straight decision. He gave up five hits in eight innings. Mike Timlin pitched the 9th for his seventh save.

White Sox 6, Devil Rays 1

James Baldwin continued his dominance over host Tampa Bay, becoming the first three-time winner over the expansion team.

Baldwin (7-4) outdueled rookie Rolando Arrojo (11-8) for the second time in a week. The Chicago starter had a shutout until Fred McGriff homered with one out in the ninth.

Baldwin allowed eight hits, struck out seven and walked one in 8⅔ innings. In Baldwin's three victories over Tampa Bay, the Devil Rays have scored only three runs in 21⅓ innings and struck out 18 times.

Angels 11, Indians 4

Tim Salmon capped a five-run second inning with a three-run homer and Randy Velarde went 3-for-5 and scored twice as Anaheim beat Cleveland to snap a four-game losing streak.

Velarde was recalled earlier in the day from the minors, where he was on a rehabilitation assignment after straining his right forearm. Velarde, who played in only one game last year because of elbow problems, singled in the first inning for his first hit in Anaheim since September 1996.

Steve Sparks (5-2) gave up three runs and seven hits in 5⅓ innings. Jaret Wright (9-7) gave up seven runs and five hits in two innings, the shortest outing of his two-year career.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	74	38	.661	—
New York	58	51	.532	14½
Philadelphia	55	55	.500	18
Montreal	44	68	.393	30
Florida	40	73	.354	34½
Central Division				
Houston	67	45	.598	—
Chicago	63	50	.558	4½
Milwaukee	57	55	.509	10
St. Louis	51	60	.459	15½
Cincinnati	50	62	.446	17
Pittsburgh	50	62	.446	17
West Division				
San Diego	72	40	.643	—
San Francisco	61	51	.545	11
Los Angeles	58	54	.518	14
Colorado	50	62	.446	22
Arizona	42	70	.375	30

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	78	28	.736	—
Boston	65	45	.591	15
Baltimore	56	55	.505	24½
Toronto	56	56	.500	25
Tampa Bay	43	66	.394	36½
Central Division				
Cleveland	62	49	.559	—
Minnesota	51	58	.468	10
Kansas City	49	61	.445	12½
Chicago	48	62	.436	13½
Detroit	46	63	.422	15
West Division				
Texas	59	51	.536	—
Anaheim	59	52	.532	½
Oakland	50	61	.450	9½
Seattle	50	61	.450	9½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago 011 400 000–6 10 0
Tampa Bay 000 000 001–1 3 1
Baldwin, Foulke (9) and Kreuter; Arrojo, White (4), Yan (8), R.Hernandez (9) and Flaherty. W–Baldwin 7-4. L–Arrojo 11-8. HRs–Chicago, Durham (13). Tampa Bay, McGriff (11).

Boston 000 100 000–1 7 0
Seattle 000 100 20x–3 9 0
Wasdin, C.Reyes (8) and Hatteberg; Cloude, Timlin (9) and Marzano. W–Cloude 6-7. L–Wasdin 5-4. Sv–Timlin (7). HRs–Boston, O'Leary (20). Seattle, Monahan (1).

Cleveland 100 002 001–4 9 0
Anaheim 250 010 30x–11 10 0
Jr.Wright, Kassay (3), D.Jones (7), Wilson (8) and S.Alomar; Sparks, P.Harris (6), T.Wilson (8) and Nevin. W–Sparks 5-2. L–Jr.Wright 9-7. HRs–Cleveland, Justice (16). Anaheim, Salmon (19).

New York 175 010 000–14 17 0
Oakland 010 000 000–1 3 1
O.Hernandez and Posada; Oquist, Mohler (6), T.J.Mathews (7), Worrell (8), Fetters (9) and Hinch. W–O.Hernandez 6-3. L–Oquist 8-9. HRs–New York, Knoblauch 2 (12), O'Neill (16). Strawberry (18). Oakland, Stairs (20).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Diego 000 000 001–1 4 2
Montreal 230 000 10x–6 9 0
Boehringer, Bruske (5), Wall (8) and G.Myers; Hermanson, Kline (9) and Widger. W–Hermanson 9-9. L–Boehringer 5-2. HR–Montreal, V.Guerrero (26).

San Francisco 100 110 003–6 11 0
Philadelphia 000 000 100–1 8 1
Darwin, R.Rodriguez (6), Johnstone (7), Mesa (8), Nen (9) and Mayne; Loewer, Gomes (7), Bottalico (9) and Estalella. W–Darwin 7-9. L–Loewer 5-4. HR–Philadelphia, Rolen (23).

Colorado 001 402 000–7 13 0
Pittsburgh 000 100 010–2 5 2
B.M.Jones, Leskanic (9) and J.Reed; Lieber, Tabaka (5), Rincon (9) and Kendall. W–B.M.Jones 5-4. L–Lieber 8-12. HR–Pittsburgh, Ma.Martinez (5).

Houston 000 200 100–3 6 2
Florida 200 202 05x–11 13 0
Bergman, T.Miller (5), Nitkowski (7), Ja.Powell (8) and Ausmus; A.Larkin, Alfonseca (7), Mantei (8) and Zaun. W–A.Larkin 3-6. L–Bergman 10-6. Sv–Mantei (5). HRs–Houston, De.Bell (15). Everett (12).

Los Angeles 001 001 510–8 11 0
New York 200 120 000–5 10 3
Mlicki, Guthrie (7), Osuna (7), Shaw (9) and C.Johnson; Nomo, McMichael (7), Cook (7), Blair (8) and Piazza. W–Mlicki 8-5. L–McMichael 2-4. Sv–Shaw (33). HRs–Los Angeles, Mondesi 2 (25), Karros (14). New York, Piazza (19).

St. Louis 002 100 002–5 8 4
Milwaukee 003 021 00x–6 12 0
D.Oliver, C.King (6), Frascatore (8) and Marrero; Woodard, M.Myers (7), Plunk (7), Wickman (8) and Matheny. W–Woodard 9-5. L–D.Oliver 0-1. Sv–Wickman (19). HRs–St. Louis, Gant (17), R.Lankford (19), Gaetti (11). Milwaukee, Burnitz (26).

Arizona 201 020 010–8 10 1
Chicago 000 001 310–5 15 0
Telemaco, Embree (7), Chouinard (7), Olson (8) and Stinnett; Wengert, Stevens (6), T.Adams (7), F.Heredia (9), Karchner (9) and Houston. W–Telemaco 4-5. L–Wengert 1-1. Sv–Olson (19). HRs–Arizona, T.Batista (6). Chicago, Ma.Grace (12).

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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HOME RUNS–Griffey Jr, Seattle, 41; ARodriguez, Seattle, 33; Belle, Chicago, 33; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 33; JuGonzalez, Texas, 31; Canseco, Toronto, 31; Thome, Cleveland, 29.

STOLEN BASES–Henderson, Oakland, 46; Stewart, Toronto, 33; Lofton, Cleveland, 33; ARodriguez, Seattle, 30; TGoodwin, Texas, 29; Offerman, Kansas City, 28; BLHunter, Detroit, 27.

PITCHING (13 Decisions)–DWells, New York, 13-2, .867, 3.57; PMartinez, Boston, 15-3, .833, 2.64; Cone, New York, 15-4, .789, 3.54; Rogers, Oakland, 11-4, .733, 2.87; Wakefield, Boston, 13-5, .722, 4.34; Irabu, New York, 10-4, .714, 3.22; Helling, Texas, 14-6, .700, 4.59; Clemens, Toronto, 14-6, .700, 3.12.

STRIKEOUTS–RJohnson, Seattle, 213; PMartinez, Boston, 170; Clemens, Toronto, 162; CFinley, Anaheim, 154; Cone, New York, 145; Erickson, Baltimore, 130; Sele, Texas, 123.

SAVES–Gordon, Boston, 31; MRivera, New York, 29; Percival, Anaheim, 29; Wetteland, Texas, 28; RaMyers, Toronto, 28; MJackson, Cleveland, 27; Aguilera, Minnesota, 27.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING–LWalker, Colorado, .344; Olerud, New York, .338; VGuerrero, Montreal, .334; Bichette, Colorado, .334; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .332; DeBell, Houston, .327; Gwynn, San Diego, .324.

RUNS–ChJones, Atlanta, 90; Biggio, Houston, 88; Glanville, Philadelphia, 85; GVaughn, San Diego, 85; McGwire, St. Louis, 85; Bagwell, Houston, 81; Sosa, Chicago, 81.

RBI–Sosa, Chicago, 108; McGwire, St. Louis, 100; Castilla, Colorado, 97; Alou, Houston, 93; GVaughn, San Diego, 91; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 86; Galarraga, Atlanta, 86.

HITS–Bichette, Colorado, 156; Glanville, Philadelphia, 145; VGuerrero, Montreal, 144; DeBell, Houston, 144; Biggio, Houston, 142; Castilla, Colorado, 139; Sosa, Chicago, 135.

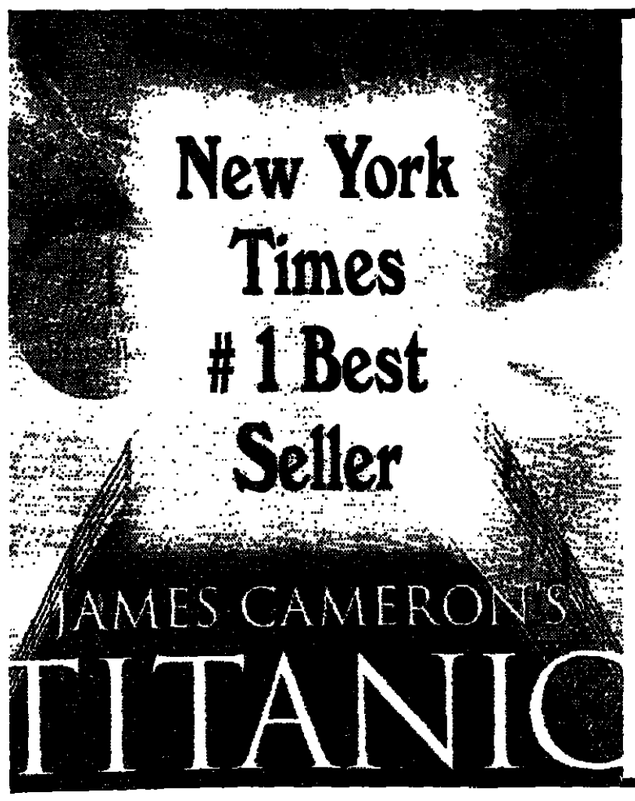
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STOLEN BASES–Womack, Pittsburgh, 42; Renteria, Florida, 38; Biggio, Houston, 34; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 33; Floyd, Florida, 24; OVeras, San Diego, 19; Clayton, St. Louis, 19; Bonds, San Francisco, 19.

PITCHING (13 Decisions)–KBrown, San Diego, 13-3, .812, 2.71; Glavine, Atlanta, 14-4, .778, 2.61; GMaddux, Atlanta, 14-5, .737, 1.61; Ashby, San Diego, 15-6, .714, 2.55; ALeiter, New York, 10-4, .714, 2.18; Wood, Chicago, 11-5, .687, 3.01; Trachsel, Chicago, 11-5, .687, 3.87.

STRIKEOUTS–Schilling, Philadelphia, 214; Wood, Chicago, 179; KBrown, San Diego, 169; Stottlemyre, St. Louis, 147; GMaddux, Atlanta, 145; Nomo, New York, 138; Dreifort, Los Angeles, 131.

SAVES–Hoffman, San Diego, 36; Shaw, Los Angeles, 33; Beck, Chicago, 32; Nen, San Francisco, 28; Urbina, Montreal, 24; BWagner, Houston, 22; JFranco, New York, 21.



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CLASSICAL MUSIC

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Monteverdi's *Orfeo*, one of the very earliest operas, is a much more humane adaptation of the famous myth than the more familiar operatic treatment of Gluck. This is a rare opportunity to enjoy an operatic masterpiece in a special production presented by the Israel Vocal Arts Institute summer opera program accompanied by the Raanana Symphonette Orchestra. Tonight at 8 p.m. at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv.

ENTERTAINMENT

HELEN KAYE

Jazz and professional story tellers (in Hebrew) are part of *One the Terrace* summer fun on - where else - the terrace at the Tel Aviv Diaspora Museum on the pretty Tel Aviv University campus. The NIS 40 ticket covers the first drink. Tonight at 7 p.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **HE GOT GAME** – In Spike Lee's new film, basketball is depicted as nothing less than the physical embodiment of the American dream – since talent, determination and desire on the court can mean glory and riches for anyone, no matter his color or class. The director's relation to that myth, though, is never straightforward, for better and for worse: is it a dangerous, corrupting



Denzel Washington stars in 'He Got Game.'

myth? A necessary, hope-giving myth? As often in a Lee movie, it's not always clear where thoughtful ambiguity gives way to muddy ideas, where the display of genuine feeling turns into melodramatic manipulation and where the filmmaker's angry radicalism degenerates into the anglings of a cynical entrepreneur. While this picture is riddled with conceptual problems and, more seriously, marred by lousy technique, it also features occasional bursts of sentiment so strong and raw, it subverts a more formal critique. With Denzel Washington, who brings a brooding wisdom to the role of a convicted murderer whose basketball-star son refuses to acknowledge his father. In his acting debut, the Milwaukee Bucks guard Ray Allen has an unassuming, slightly stiff presence that is also surprisingly effective. (Children under 17 not admitted without an adult)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
8:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Vacation TV
9:45 Enigma
10:10 Hot Shots
10:35 Wayne Manifesto
11:00 Okavango
11:25 *Hot Science*
11:50 Platus
12:00 Vacation TV
14:30 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
15:15 Spaceship Earth

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Zap Free
15:35 X Men
15:55 Zap – Country Vacation
16:05 Lassie
16:30 Zap – Festival at Chevrolet
16:45 Zap – seaside vacation
16:59 New Evening
17:35 Zap Free
17:50 USA High
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Family Matters
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 A Moment in Life
19:35 Gregory Hines Show
20:00 News
20:10 Talk of the Day
20:25 Are You Being Served?
21:00 News
21:35 Summer Jubilee
23:05 Grace Under Fire
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Rupert Bear
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee with Tel-Ad
9:00 The Third Time
9:55 One More Mountain
10:50 Disney Time
11:40 Empty Nest
12:05 Amazing Stories
12:30 Behind the Scenes of Godzilla
13:00 My Secret Identity
13:30 Home and Away
14:00 Calculated Risk
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 Meeting Point
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
18:00 Lingo
18:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
20:00 News
20:30 Bravo
21:45 Tombstone – Wyatt Earp's plans for a quiet retirement in Tombstone are disrupted when a gang of villains rides into town. With Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer and Sam Elliott
00:00 News
00:05 Tombstone - contd.
00:30 M*A*S*H
1:00 Red Sea Jazz Festival
1:55 Out of This World
2:20 Today's Song

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Mr. Bogus
15:30 Oliver Twist
16:00 Musical Magazine
17:00 Oshoa
18:00 Acapulco Bay
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Show
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Partners
20:00 Our Special Reporter
20:30 Faces and Places
21:00 Local Magazine
21:15 *Kung Fu*
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Gerbert
17:20 Mort & Phil
17:45 Superbook 2
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 Wait Till You Have Kids
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
20:00 Stockard Channing
20:25 Coach
20:50 Movie: Stop Or My Mom Will Shoot
22:40 Charm of Cinema
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN News

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:45 Amores
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 Wiseman of the Generations
19:00 Arabic News
19:30 Telekassel
20:00 News Room
20:30 Medicine
21:00 News
21:30 Scent of Mint
23:05 Moulin Rouge

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Boogie's Diner
16:00 Summer Studio
16:45 Local Pop
17:00 Color Garden
17:20 Children's Stories in Arabic
17:30 Dear Brother
18:00 Pique Nique
18:30 A Matter of Taste
19:00 Simply Style
19:25 Little Big Country
19:30 *New Evening*
20:00 *Mind Your Language*
20:30 Medicine Demystified
20:43 Little Big Country
20:45 Border Line
22:00 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
22:45 Assignment Adventure

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 ETTV: Sex on the Great Barrier Reef
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 The John Larroquette Show
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Cafe Paris
18:00 Trivia King (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 Players
21:10 Profiler
22:00 Suddenly Susan (rpt)
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Sentinel
00:30 Renegade
1:20 Love Boat

■ *MOVIE CHANNEL* (4)

11:30 Marriage of Convenience (Hebrew, 1988) – satirical look at Israeli life through the eyes of a schoolteacher who masquerades in Tel Aviv as an Arab worker and as a wealthy visitor. With Shlomo Bar-Abba and Eli Yatzpan.
13:05 Don't Trust Your Husband (1948) – slightly dated comedy about an advertising executive whose wife is suspicious of him. With Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll
14:35 Seeing Stars: George Clooney
15:05 Dogmatic (1996) – comedy about an advertising executive who takes in a stray dog in order to win a big dog-food account and ends up wishing he were a dog
16:40 Landslide (1992) – a young geologist with amnesia returns to his hometown to do research and learns that someone is trying to prevent him from recalling a dark secret. With Anthony Edwards and Joanna Cassidy
18:20 Courage Mountain (1989) – sequel to *Heidi*. With Charlie Sheen
20:05 Special on the new Israeli film *Family Secrets*
20:25 To Sir With Love II (1994) – sequel to the 1967 hit. The legendary schoolteacher returns to Chicago after 30 years in London in hopes of finding his past lover. Directed by Peter Bogdanovich. With Sidney Poitier
22:00 Operation Delta Force (1995) – a crack unit sets out in pursuit of African terrorists who have gotten hold of Ebola virus
23:35 Buried Secrets (1998) – a girl who moves with her family into an old gothic home meets the ghost of a girl who used to live there and helps her prove that her mother was murdered. With Tiffani-Amber Thiessen and Tim Matheson
1:05 Love is a Gun (1994) – a police photographer falls in love with a woman who is then found murdered. With Eric Roberts

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Barney
8:30 Arthur
9:00 The Smurfs
9:35 Ninja Turtles
10:10 Batman and Robin
10:40 Twins of Destiny
11:05 Hot-air Balloon
11:15 Viewers' choice
11:50 Hot-air Balloon
12:00 Sweet Valley High
12:35 Step By Step
13:00 Bobby's World

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	A Moment in Life The Gregory Hines Show		Beverly Hills 90210	Special on 'Family Secrets'	Family Matters Married with Children	Life in the Wild
20:00	News Talk of the Day	News				Future Quest
20:30	Are You Being Served News	Bravo	Players	To Sir with *Love II*	Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Mysteries, Magic and Miracles Science Friction
21:00			Profiler		Beverly Hills 90210	
21:30	Summer Jubilee	Tombstone				
22:00			Suddenly Susan	Operation Delta Force	Blackout	Fast Cars
22:30			Seinfeld			
23:00	Grace Under Fire		Ricki Lake			Searching for Lost Worlds

13:25 Power Rangers
13:45 Helen and the Boys
14:10 Chiquititas
15:00 Ninja Turtles
15:35 Batman and Robin
16:10 Twins of Destiny
16:35 Hot Air Balloon
16:45 Viewers' Choice
17:30 Sweet Valley High
17:45 Hot Air Balloon
18:00 Step by Step (rpt)
18:35 Arthur
19:05 The Smurfs
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (8)

22:00 Blackout (1985) – HBO movie about a police detective chasing down a six-year-old murder. The trail leads to a quiet family man with amnesia. With Richard Widmark and Keith Carradine
23:40 L'Attentat (French, 1972, 118 mins.) – chronicle of the kidnapping and murder of the Moroccan opposition leader in 1965. With Michel Bouquet, Michel Piccoli, Jean-Louis Trintignant and Philip Noiret

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts)
8:00 A Healthy Body (rpt)
8:30 The Singing Apes of Khao Ya (rpt)
8:55 Explorers of the Titanic
9:50 Mozart: Marriage of Figaro, part 2
11:25 Ciao Federico
12:30 Endangered Species
13:00 Life in the Wild (rpt)
13:30 Future Quest: Greetings (rpt)
13:55 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (rpt)
14:20 The Decision: Whose Kidney Is It? (rpt)
15:10 Tired of Living, Fearing Death (rpt)
16:05 Defenders of the Wild (rpt)
17:00 Open University: Women in Prison; The Mechanical Universe; Nutrition Pathways
19:05 Great Strides, part 9
19:35 Life in the Wild
20:05 Future Quest
20:35 Mysteries, Magic and Miracle
21:05 Science Friction
22:00 Fast Cars
22:50 Searching for Lost Worlds: Skullwars
23:40 Open University: War Series; Government by Consent; The Hermitage

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Swiftly Seasoned
6:30 Porridge
7:00 Bergerac
8:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
9:00 Santa Barbara
10:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
10:30 Nanny and the Professor
11:00 Porridge
11:30 Swiftly Seasoned
12:00 Saber Rider and the Star Sheriffs
12:30 *Small Wonder*
13:00 Batman
13:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
14:00 The Simpsons
14:30 The Wonder Years
15:00 Baywatch Nights
16:00 The Knock
17:00 NYPD Blue
18:00 Santa Barbara
19:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 Baywatch Nights
21:00 The Knock
22:00 NYPD Blue
23:00 To Serve Them All My Days
00:00 Bergerac
1:00 Aerobics Oz Style
1:30 Terry Toons
2:00 Mighty Thor

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour

8:30 Asia Today
8:45 World Business
7:30 Reporters (rpt)
8:30 The Travel Show (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Earth Report: Micro-Credit (rpt)
11:30 Reporters (rpt)
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 How Buildings Learn: Unreal Estate (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Sea Trek: the Great Barrier Reefs
16:00 World News and Business Report
16:30 The World Today
17:30 One Foot in the Past
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 The Travel Show (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Decisive Weapons: Wood Against Steel
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 Top Gear
00:10 Europe Direct
1:30 World Business
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sports
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Business Unusual
15:15 News and Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Style
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 ABC World News
8:00 Sunrise
12:30 ABC Nightline
15:30 Sky World News
16:30 Question Time, PM – with Adam Boulton
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportline
22:30 Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:00 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 US Beach Volleyball
17:30 Grand Prix Beach Volleyball
18:00 Rugby
18:30 Motor Sports
19:00 Xtreme Sports
19:30 Survivors
20:00 Candid Camera
20:30 1998 Xtrem Olympics
22:00 MLS
23:00 Game by Invitation

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Soccer – Eurogoals
11:00 Superbike
13:00 Motocross
13:30 Water Skiing
14:00 Sailing
14:30 Golf – LPGA
15:30 Tennis
16:00 Tennis
17:30 Soccer (rpt)
18:45 Motorsports
19:45 Live Athletics
22:45 Tennis
23:45 Cycling
1:45 Motorsports

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Schubert: Piano Sonata in B minor; Chopin-Serasate: Nocturne in E flat
7:07 Mozart: String Quartet in D major K575); Schumann: Symphony no 4
8:05 Jarrett: Elegy for Violin and String Orchestra ; Biber: Passacaglia for Violin; Bach: Sonata in G minor for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord; Jarrett: Adagio for Oboe and String Orchestra
9:05 Beethoven: Trio in C major for 2 Oboes and English Horn op 87; Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no 5; Mozart: Piano Concerto no 18 K456; Mendelssohn: Symphony no 5 "Reformation"; Schumann: Symphony no 4; Debussy: La Mer
12:00 Light Classical – Fritz Kreisler
12:55 Artist of the Week – Shlomo Mintz. Tchaikovsky: Concerto op 35 ; Mendelssohn: Concerto op 64
14:05 Keys
16:00 Rossini: Petite messe solennelle; Schoenberg: *Verklaerte Nacht*
18:00 Nigel Kennedy, violin, plays English folk songs; Chopin: ; Foster: 2 Melodies; Beethoven: Theme and Variations in D major for Viola and Piano from op 42; Schumann: Kinderszenen op 15; Rachmaninoff: Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano op 19; Kreisler: String Quartet in A minor
20:05 From Our Concert Halls – The Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba. (1) Mendi Rodan, conductor. Mozart: 2 Concert Arias; Schubert: Mass no 2 in G minor; (2) Lev Markiz, conductor. Mozart: Symphony no 33; Haydn: Cello Concerto in D major; Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme for Cello and Orchestra; Shostakovich: Chamber Symphony op 83a
23:00 Golden Generation – Gershwin plays Gershwin

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWest local news

6:00 Morning Drive till 9:00 – Music with David Starck
7:30 English Newspaper Headlines
7:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch (till 12:00) – '60s-'90s Music with Sharon Wagner
10:00 Financial Forum with Mike Humphries
12:00 Head to Head – Political Forum with Charlie Levine and Dr. Tom Gumpel
13:00 Windows on the World
13:30 Pick of the Hits with Donna Abraham
15:30 Afternoon Drive (till 18:00) – with Mike Reinis
17:45 Sports Update
18:00 Barak Moore Show – Call in talk radio
18:45 Sports Update
19:00 Blues Block with David Bender
20:45 Jerusalem Post Sports – tomorrow's news tonight – with Joe Hoffman and Ori Lewis
21:00 Gesher presents "The Great Divide" – Panel Discussion
22:00 WestRocks with David Susskauer
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 News
6:05 Proms '98
6:15 Sports Roundup
6:30 Proms '98 (contd.)
8:45 Proms '98 (contd.)
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:55 Take Five
8:00 The World Today
8:30 One Planet
9:00 News
9:15 Insight
9:30 Sports International
10:00 News
10:15 Off the Shelf: Anna Karenina, part 3
10:30 Meridian Live
11:00 News
11:10 Pause For Thought
11:15 Westway
11:30 Everywoman
12:00 News
12:05 World Business Report
12:15 The Farming World
12:30 Private Lives (BBC English)
12:45 Sports Roundup
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 One Planet
14:00 Newsdesk
14:30 Sports International
15:00 News
15:05 World Business Report
15:15 Britain Today
15:30 Seeing Stars
15:45 Sports Roundup
16:00 Newshour
17:00 News
17:05 Outlook
17:30 Megamix
18:00 News
18:05 Sports Roundup
18:15 Performance
18:30 Everywoman
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Britain Today
20:00 News
20:15 Insight
20:30 F.O.O.C.
20:45 Sports Roundup
21:00 Newsdesk
21:30 The Works
22:00 News
22:01 Outlook
22:25 Pause For Thought
22:30 Multitrack: X-Press
23:00 Newshour
00:00 News

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
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Dodgers score 5 unearned runs to beat Mets 8-5

NEW YORK (AP, Reuters) – Raul Mondesi homered twice, including a two-run shot in a five-run seventh inning, as the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied for an 8-5 victory over the sloppy Mets, who wasted a home run and three RBI from Mike Piazza.

Reliever Greg McMichael (2-4), who spent a month with Los Angeles before he was reacquired by the Mets, blew a 5-2 lead by giving up the five runs in the seventh including Eric Karros's two-run blast that followed an error by shortstop Rey Ordonez.

Former Met Dave Mlicki (6-5) improved to 5-1 since the Dodgers acquired him and McMichael from New York in the deal for Hideo Nomo, who had an apparent win squandered by the bullpen. Mlicki yielded all five Mets runs and eight hits in six innings.

Giants 6, Phillies 1

Tensions were high again as Giants superstar Barry Bonds, who had set off a brawl the day before by charging the mound, drove in two runs to help San Francisco complete a four-game sweep at Veterans Stadium.

Bonds, booed in every at-bat, lifted a sacrifice fly in the first inning, plating Ellis Burks for a 1-0 lead. He added an RBI single in the fifth that made it 3-0.

Bonds, who also struck out twice, had been plunked on the knee the day before by Ricky Bottalico, who was angered after Bonds stole a base in the fifth with the Giants leading 9-2.

After being hit, Bonds charged the mound to trigger the first of two bench-clearing brawls. Bonds and Bottalico were both ejected and likely face suspension.

There was a milder incident in Monday's game. After Philadelphia's Wayne Gomes struck out J.T. Snow looking in the eighth, both benches and bullpens emptied. However, no punches were thrown.

Snow had homered off Gomes on Sunday and apparently his showboating led Gomes to say something to him after striking him out this time around.

"I don't have a problem," Snow said. "I did not hear what he said as I was walking back to the dugout. I just saw the guys on the bench screaming back, so I figured that something was said."

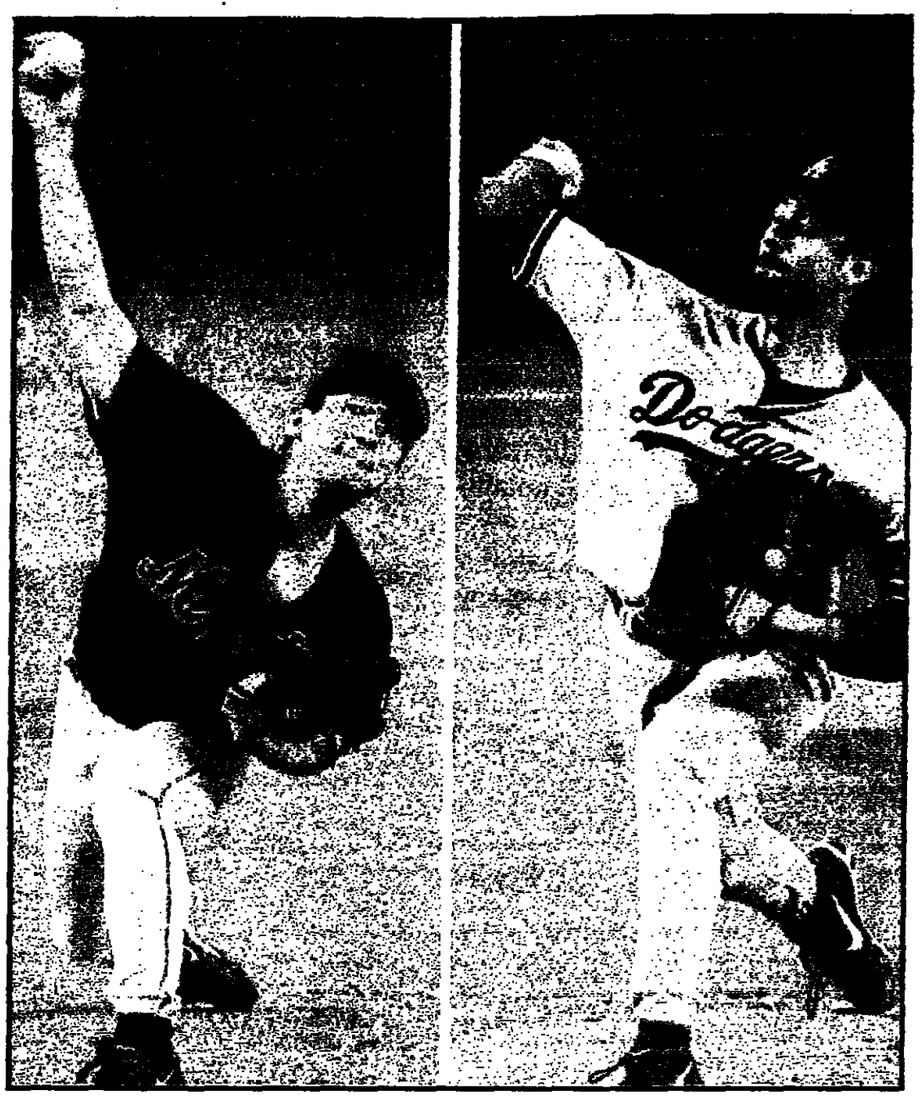
Diamondbacks 6, Cubs 5

Karim Garcia collected three hits and two RBI and Gregg Olson worked 1⅔ scoreless innings for his 19th save in 22 chances as Arizona held on for a road victory.

The Diamondbacks have won four of their last five games, while the Cubs suffered their second loss in six home games.

The loss cut Chicago's lead over San Francisco to 1½ games in the NL wild-card race.

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WHAT COMES AROUND – Pitchers Hideo Nomo (left) of the Mets and Dave Mlicki of the Dodgers throw against their former teams in first-inning action. The two were traded for each other and each faced their old club, and each other, for the first time. (Reuters)

Gazza out of England training squad

LONDON (Reuters) – England manager Glenn Hoddle said yesterday that Paul Gascoigne could still have an international future despite the fact he did not include him in a 29-man pre-European championship qualifying training squad.

The gathering will take place immediately after the premier league season kicks off on August 15.

Hoddle said in a statement that the door was still open for Gascoigne, the 31-year-old Middlesbrough midfielder who was left out of the World Cup squad for France '98.

He said Gascoigne's form would be closely followed.

Arsenal and Liverpool players were omitted because of club engagements. Newcastle midfielder David Batty is injured.

Hoddle wanted to get the squad together ahead of England's qualifying match against Sweden.

Squad: Goalkeepers – Tim Flowers (Blackburn Rovers), Nigel Martyn (Leeds United), Ian Walker (Tottenham Hotspurs), Richard Wright (Ipswich).

Defenders – Sol Campbell (Tottenham), Wayne Quinn (Sheffield United), Carl Serrant (Newcastle United), Kleron Dyer (Ipswich), Rio Ferdinand (West Ham), Gareth Southgate (Aston Villa), Gary Neville (Manchester United), Phil Neville (Manchester United).

Midfielders – Darren Anderton (Tottenham), David Beckham (Manchester United), Graeme Le Saux (Chelsea), Andy Hinchcliffe (Sheffield Wednesday), Nicky Butt (Manchester United), Rob Lee (Newcastle).

Forwards – Darren Huckerby (Coventry), Darren Eadie (Norwich), Emile Heskey (Leicester), Paul Merson (Middlesbrough), Paul Scholes (Manchester United), Les Ferdinand (Tottenham), Alan Shearer (Newcastle), Teddy Sheringham (Manchester United), Dion Dublin (Coventry), Ian Wright (West Ham), Andy Cole (Manchester United).

World basketball championship down to last 8

ATHENS (AP) – Italy and Argentina snatched the final quarterfinal berths yesterday, leaving the wide-open, starless "Mondobasket" the basketball world championships adrift without a clear favorite as it heads towards Sunday's final.

The rag-tag Americans, playing their best game of the week-old tournament, kept Australia from reaching Friday's final eight with a 96-78 victory, which gave the berth to Argentina – an 86-76 winner over Brazil.

The Americans demoralized the Aussies in the first half with hot shooting – just under 60 percent from the field – and a stiff man-to-man that forced turnovers and got the Americans running.

Jimmy Oliver led the US attack with 18 and Jason Sasser added 15 with 10 of the 12 Americans getting on the scoreboard.

Australia – silver medalists last month in the Goodwill Games – was led by Shane Heal with 31.

Italy beat Puerto Rico 68-63 with the other quarterfinal place on the line as Gregor Fucka hit 15 and scored the last five points with a slam dunk, a layup and a free throw.

In Argentina's critical victory, Marcelo Nicola hit 22 and Fabricio Oberto added 21. Brazil got 22 from Marco Aurelio Pegolo and 20 from Joao Jose Vianna.

Friday's quarterfinals stack up this way as the top four teams in each group advanced: United States (5-1) vs. Italy (3-3), Spain (5-1) vs. Greece (4-2), Lithuania (4-2) vs. Russia (5-1), Argentina (3-3) vs. Yugoslavia (5-1).

Though a quarterfinal place had already been won, the win over Australia assured the US of facing Italy and not a more highly regarded team.

Under the complicated system to pair teams for the quarterfinals, a US loss could have pitted them against Yugoslavia or Russia – perhaps the two favorites. Every other team faced similar last-minute twists.

Spain defeated Lithuania 86-80 in overtime and Russia won over Canada 81-72 to pick up key victories as the second round ended.

Forward Alberto Herreros, the leading scorer in the tournament, had 27 and Alfonso Reyes added 19. Arturas Karnisovas, playing with a bandaged head after a second-half collision with a Spain's Ignacio de Miguel that drew blood, led Lithuania (4-2) with 20. But he was scoreless in the last 11 minutes.

Yugoslavia, after losing Monday to Italy 61-60, dumped home-team Greece 70-56 with 19 points for Dejan Bodiroga.

Fragiskos Alvertis led Greece with 23 as the local team dropped its second straight game after losing Monday to Russia.

Russia was topped by Vassiliy Karassev with 21 points and Sergei Babkov and Sergei Panov with 14.

IFA gives blessing to league reforms

By ORI LEWIS

Israel Football Association (IFA) chairman Gavri Levy yesterday put the final seal of approval on the reform of local professional soccer which will undergo a transformation over the next two seasons.

Levy said the current two-division 16-team system would be cut to 12 teams for the 2001-02 season after following the relegation of three clubs and the promotion of only one to the two top divisions at the end of the upcoming season and the one which will follow it.

With less than three weeks to the start of the new season, the reform was put in doubt following grave disagreements about funding between the IFA and the Israel Sports Betting Board (Sportoto), who provide the bulk of the money to run soccer.

"We could have reached a deal more than a month ago, but both I and (Sportoto chairman) Roni Bar-On failed in our tasks. I am sorry that the disagreement also took on a personal nature," Levy told the assembled media yesterday.

Levy referred to the "Bar-On-Hebron affair" during a heated exchange but later apologized for his angry slur.

A compromise agreement was reached in just in time, however, and new league season will kick off on August 22 with the reforms in place.

There will be few other changes in the coming season, with kickoff times varying between games, and players being allowed five yellow cards before having to sit out a one-match suspension.

The IFA also unveiled its 70th anniversary album which charts the development of soccer in Israel from pre-State days.

Edited by veteran journalists Yisrael Paz and Yehuda Gabbai, it is described as the definitive history of Israeli soccer. The book, which costs NIS 200 will be available from the IFA and bookshops soon.

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Channel 5 unveils plans for new season of live sport

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

The heads of Channel 5 were very upbeat about their new season of sport yesterday despite having lost the rights to coverage of the English Premier League.

Mylan Tanzer, who heads the channel, said viewers would be able to watch a bumper season of sport which will include over 200 live broadcasts, both local and international, mostly of soccer and basketball.

Although English Premiership action will no longer be screened, English soccer will still be shown live in abundance.

The channel has secured the rights to both domestic English cup competitions – it will also show the Charity Shield live on Sunday – and there will be live Division One games as well.

Interest in Division 1 is high here due to the participation of Israelis Ronnie Rosenthal and Alon Hazan (Watford) and David Amsalem (Crystal Palace).

The jewels in Channel 5's crown are the European Champions' League and the NBA.

In soccer, the channel will also show live games from the Spanish league and will screen weekly roundups of the French, Dutch, German and Argentine leagues.

With added local interest in the NBA rising as Oded Katash becomes the first Israeli to grace the best basketball league in the world with the New York Knicks, Channel 5 will start off by showing one live and one recorded game per week.

During the playoffs two live games will be shown per week.

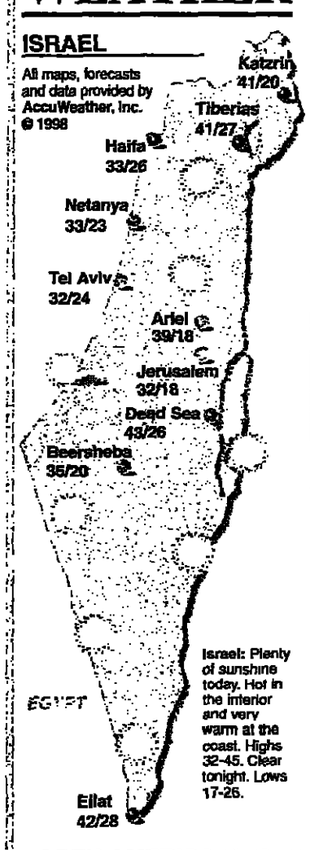
Tanzer also announced that Channel 5 will run a daily half-hour of sports news similar to Sky News's "Sportsline." It will be launched on August 17 and will be presented by veteran newscaster Micha Friedman.

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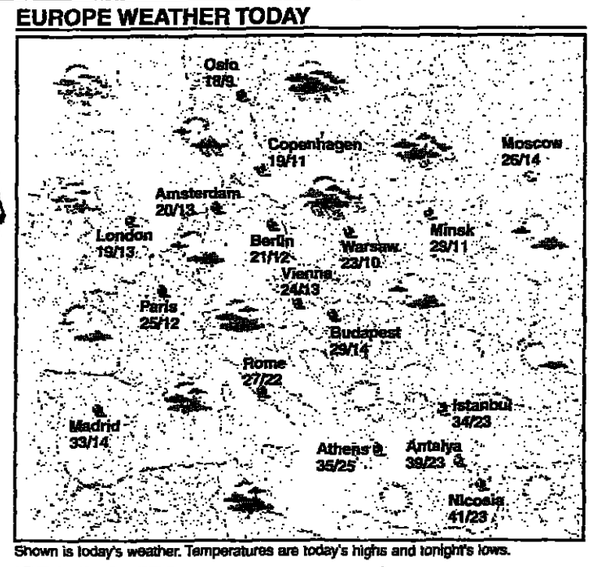
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Ariel	39/102	18/64/s	39/102	19/66/s	40/104	19/66/pc	41/106	21/70/pc
Beersheba	35/95	20/68/s	35/95	21/70/s	36/97	21/70/pc	37/98	22/71/pc
Dead Sea	43/109	26/79/s	43/109	27/80/s	44/111	27/80/pc	45/113	27/80/pc
Eilat	42/107	28/82/s	43/109	28/82/s	43/109	28/82/pc	45/113	27/80/pc
Haifa	33/91	26/79/s	33/91	26/79/s	34/93	26/79/pc	35/95	26/79/pc
Jerusalem	32/89	18/64/s	32/89	19/66/s	33/91	19/66/pc	34/93	19/66/pc
Katzrin	41/106	20/68/s	41/106	21/70/s	42/107	21/70/pc	43/109	22/71/pc
Netanya	33/91	23/73/s	33/91	23/73/s	33/91	24/75/pc	34/93	24/75/pc
Tel Aviv	32/89	24/75/s	32/89	25/77/s	33/91	25/77/pc	34/93	25/77/pc
Tiberias	41/106	27/80/s	41/106	27/80/s	42/107	26/79/pc	43/109	27/80/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow. Hos-

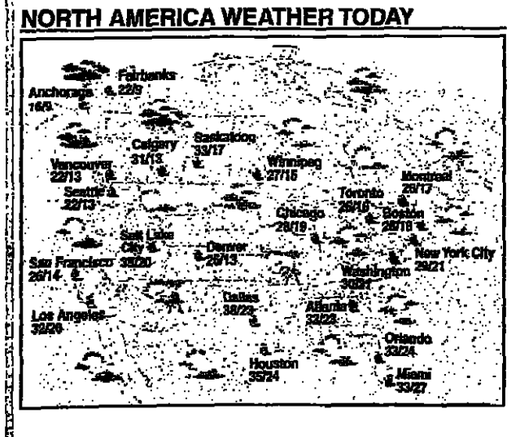
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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	20/68	13/55/pc	23/73	15/59/sf	26/79	18/64/s
Beijing	34/93	25/77/pc	35/95	26/79/pc	33/91	24/75/pc
Berlin	21/70	12/53/pc	23/73	16/61/pc	26/79	18/64/s
Brussels	22/71	13/55/pc	24/75	16/61/s	28/82	18/64/pc
Cairo	39/102	24/75/s	40/104	24/75/s	36/97	23/73/pc
Chicago	28/82	19/66/t	27/80	19/64/t	28/82	18/64/t
Frankfurt	21/70	11/52/pc	23/73	14/57/pc	26/79	16/61/pc
Hong Kong	32/89	28/79/r	28/82	27/80/r	31/88	27/80/c
Johannesburg	23/73	7/44/s	24/75	8/46/s	24/75	8/46/pc
London	19/66	13/55/s	20/68	17/62/c	23/73	19/66/s
Los Angeles	32/89	20/68/s	33/91	19/66/c	32/89	17/62/pc
Madrid	33/91	14/57/s	34/93	18/61/s	36/97	20/68/pc
Mexico City	26/79	14/57/sh	24/75	14/57/c	26/79	14/57/pc
Montreal	28/79	17/62/s	28/82	18/64/pc	28/82	19/66/pc
Moscow	26/79	14/57/pc	23/73	11/52/pc	20/68	11/52/pc
New York	29/84	21/70/pc	28/82	21/70/pc	28/82	21/70/pc
Paris	25/77	12/53/s	28/79	15/59/s	28/82	18/64/pc
Prague	22/71	10/50/pc	24/75	13/55/pc	28/82	17/62/s
Rio de Janeiro	28/82	21/70/pc	26/79	18/64/c	25/77	19/66/pc
Rome	27/80	22/71/r	27/80	19/66/c	30/86	21/70/sh
Sydney	19/54	14/57/r	19/66	12/53/sh	18/64	9/48/pc
Tokyo	31/88	27/80/sh	32/89	28/82/sh	31/88	25/79/c
Toronto	26/79	16/61/c	29/84	17/62/sh	29/84	17/62/sh
Vienna	24/75	13/55/r	26/79	17/62/s	30/86	21/70/pc
Warsaw	23/73	10/50/pc	22/71	13/55/pc	24/75	14/57/s
Washington	30/86	21/70/c	30/86	21/70/c	29/84	22/71/c
Zurich	23/73	12/53/pc	25/77	15/59/s	29/84	20/68/pc

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Cantona, Ardiles, named among English League greats

LONDON (AP) – French star Eric Cantona and Argentina's Ossie Ardiles were among five players from outside the British Isles who were named yesterday in the English Football League's list of "100 Legends of Soccer."

The others were Manchester City's German goalkeeper Bert Trautmann, Manchester United's Danish 'keeper Peter Schmeichel and Arsenal's Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp.

Cantona helped Leeds win the Premier League in 1992 and then helped Manchester United win the title in four of the next five seasons.

World Cup star Ardiles was on the Tottenham team that won back-to-back FA Cups and then the UEFA Cup of 1984.

Trautmann played a heroic role in Manchester City's FA Cup triumph in 1956, playing the final 15 minutes with what turned out to be a broken neck after diving at an opponent's feet.

Schmeichel, having helped Manchester United win the league title four seasons out of five, is still at Old Trafford while Bergkamp's outstanding play for Arsenal was a major contribution in the Gunners' triumphs in the 1998 league and cup double.

Among current players on the list is former Newcastle, Tottenham, Lazio and Glasgow Rangers midfielder Paul Gascoigne, now with Middlesbrough. Star of the 1990 World Cup, he was dropped from France '98 squad because coach Glenn Hoddle, who also is on the legends list, decided he wasn't fit enough.

The list, which was compiled by soccer writers and dates back to when the League was founded in 1888, has been announced to coincide with the League's 100th season. No soccer was played during the war years 1914-18 and 1939-45.

It includes the greatest names in English soccer, such as Stanley Matthews, Jimmy Greaves, Duncan Edwards, George Best and 1966 England World Cup stars Gordon Banks, Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton, Geoff Hurst, Alan Ball, Nobby Stiles and Martin Peters.

Alf Ramsey, who coached England to that triumph, also is included. He was an outstanding fullback for Southampton and England and played 32 times for England between 1949 and '54.

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